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Change of dependent residence prohibited

By Hussain Salameh

ACCORDING to the new regulations which came into effect on March 22, dependent residence permits will not be transferred into working visas.

The sources said that the labour departments in the four governorates have stopped accepting applications of family visa holders for transfer to the private sector in keeping with the new private sector labour law which became effective a week ago.

The sources said that if the implementation of this clause continues and the ban is strictly enforced, it will result in hardships for expatriates in Kuwait. According to the residence laws in Kuwait, expatriate boys who are not studying in school and attain 21-years of age cannot continue to enjoy the family visa facility.

A meeting to find a solution to this problem is scheduled to be held on Saturday by officials of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, the sources said.

Yacht briefly detained, say Gulf officials

KUWAIT, March 28, (Agencies): Gulf Arab officials confirmed today reports that an Arab-owned yacht had been detained by an Iranian gunboat but said the vessel was quickly released.

The sources, who wished to remain anonymous, said the yacht was carrying a group of young people had been sailing on Thursday north of Iran's Farsi island when it was chased by the Iranian Coast Guard.

The Iranians fired in the air to stop the boat, which they boarded and searched before releasing it.

A report in Kuwait's *Al-Anba* newspaper on Sunday said several members of a Gulf ruling family and five British nationals had been on board, sparking a wave of speculation over the incident.

In Manama, Britain's visiting Home Secretary Douglas Hurd said today he had no information about four British women aboard the yacht.

Hurd said that as far as he knew, there had been no Britons on board at the time.

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today: 26°C 79°F

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yesterday: 16°C 61°F
today: 15°C 59°F

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today: 24°C 75°F
yesterday: 22°C 72°F
today: 22°C 72°F

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today: 12°C 54°F
yesterday: 12°C 54°F
today: 12°C 54°F

Relative humidity recorded:
today: 62 per cent
yesterday: 77 per cent
today: 79 per cent



An old ethnic Albanian walks away from a Yugoslav riot policeman in central Pristina during riots between protesters and police. (Reuters wirephoto)

Toll in Yugoslav ethnic riots at 21

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, March 28, (Agencies): The Federal Interior Ministry said today that 21 people had died and scores were injured in two days of fierce clashes between police and ethnic Albanians in the troubled southern province of Kosovo.

The ministry, in a statement issued in Belgrade, said extra police forces from throughout the country were being dispatched to Kosovo in an attempt to quell the violence.

Constitutional changes considered repressive by Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority sparked the latest unrest, the worst in over 40 years.

Street protests that began last week escalated sharply into violent clashes throughout the province yesterday and flared anew in at least five towns today.

Two policemen were shot to death yesterday and 25 were injured, five seriously, in the two days of unrest, the ministry said.

Eitan targets N-plant

Strike urged against Tammouz

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 28, (Reuters): A former Israeli Army chief said today the Jewish state should again destroy an Iraqi nuclear reactor it bombed in 1981 if the plant was rebuilt.

Reserve Lieutenant-General Rafael Eitan, who headed the Israeli Army when the Tammouz plant was attacked in 1981, said on Israel Radio: "Our problem was then, and is today and always, will there be nuclear weapons in the hands of a hostile state against which we would be defenceless?"

The Jerusalem Post daily quoted what it termed official Israeli sources as saying Saudi Arabia had offered to fund reconstruction of the plant near Baghdad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced this week the plant would reopen.

It was not immediately clear to what the paper was referring.

Pressure mounts for Ozal's resignation

ANKARA, March 28, (AP): Turkish opposition leaders pressed today for the resignation of Premier Turgut Ozal and early parliamentary elections following his party's resounding defeat in local elections.

Ozal's Motherland Party won only two mayors in 67 provincial capitals and 21.8 per cent of the vote in provincial assembly elections.

Yesterday evening, Ozal demanded and received letters of resignation from all cabinet members, a procedural move clearing the way for a government shuffle to be announced sometime this week.

'Help mediators' Beirut shelled, call for a truce

BEIRUT, March 28, (Agencies): Shells rained down on Beirut today as the Arab League appealed for an immediate ceasefire.

In Christian East Beirut the salvos killed a man and wounded three people, including a three-year-old girl. In the Muslim western sector shells injured six people, including a baby girl. Police said at least two people were killed and eight others wounded in the latest flare-up.

Christian radio stations said shellfire pounded hilltop areas where the American, French and Belgian embassies are located. It was not known whether the Western missions were hit.

Security sources, meanwhile, reported that Syrian troops turned their big guns on East Beirut yesterday, pounding the Christian side of the capital with 100 kg (220 pound) mortar shells.

Control

The 240-mm mortars were the biggest used since heavy shelling flared across the Christian-Muslim divide two weeks ago after Christian leader Major-General Michel Aoun attempted to exert control over links with the outside world.

Witnesses said the big shells demolished apartment blocks, gouged deep craters and started fires.

At least 79 people have been killed and 250 wounded since the fighting flared. In the rising intensity of the artillery duels, some 17,000 shells are estimated to have struck residential areas in and around Beirut in the past five days.

General Aoun, who heads one of Lebanon's two rival governments, has vowed to drive Syrian troops out of the country even if Beirut is flattened in the battle.

Arab foreign ministers meeting in Tunis appealed today for a ceasefire and asked the combatants to help mediators settle Lebanon's constitutional crisis.

"The Arab League council called on the parties... to stop fighting immediately and without hesitation," said a statement issued after one of the ministers' twice-yearly meetings.

A committee chaired by Kuwait Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah had been due to consult a group of Lebanese politicians on the crisis this afternoon in Tunis.

The politicians, who include former presidents Amin Gemayel and Suleiman Franjeh, have been in Tunis since yesterday but have not yet presented their ideas to Sheikh Sabah and his six colleagues.

Ensure

Aoun's cabinet announced today that it had sent letters to the UN and the Arab League asking them "to work quickly to ensure the withdrawal of Syrian forces."

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin says Israel will not interfere in the latest fighting in Lebanon as long as Syria does not move either its troops or weaponry too close to Israel's border.

"I don't care today that 35,000 Syrian soldiers are sitting in Lebanon where they are positioned. They are stuck and disorganised in Lebanon," Rabin told high school pupils in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army intercepted and captured two Palestinian guerrillas attempting to slip into northern Israel today.

Montazeri out in power shift

Eyes on Rafsanjani as mullah 'resigns'

MANAMA, March 28, (Agencies): The designated successor of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini has stepped down in what appears to be a continuing crisis among the Iranian leadership, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported today.

"Imam (spiritual leader) Khomeini today accepted Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri's resignation from the position of future leader of the Islamic republic," IRNA reported in an urgent dispatch from Tehran.

Montazeri has been a frequent critic of extremism in the Islamic government and an advocate of more freedom of economic and political activity. Last month he urged officials to repent past mistakes and change what he said was Iran's image as a nation of killers.

Tehran Radio, said Montazeri offered his resignation in a letter to Khomeini yesterday.

Khomeini replied today, saying: "I sincerely thank you for announcing that you are not prepared to accept the position of successor to the leadership. I accept."

Montazeri was chosen as Khomeini's successor by the 83-member assembly of experts while the Gulf war was at its height.

Khomeini on Sunday discussed the future leadership of the Islamic republic with five top clerics, as the power struggle in the country intensified, reports from Iran said.

No mention was made at the time of Montazeri's possible resignation. But the Iranian agency reported that "the future leadership of the Islamic republic was discussed in a meeting on Sunday night between Imam Khomeini, and members of the secretariat of the council of experts."

The council, made up of nearly 80 elected clerics, was headed by Ayatollah Ali Meshkini, the prayer leader of Iran's holy city of Qom, with the ambitious Speaker of the Iranian Parliament Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as deputy chairman.

Gulf-based Western diplomats reacting to reports of Montazeri's resignation expressed surprise, but added that the path was now open for someone of the caliber of Rafsanjani to take over Montazeri's position.

Rafsanjani's religious rank is lower than Ayatollah's, but many mullahs among the ruling clergy see him as the best man to take over when Khomeini dies.

One diplomat told United Press International in a telephone interview.

Other members of the 5-man secretariat which held talks with Khomeini for an hour on Sunday included Ayatollahs Ibrahim Amini, Mohammad Momen Qomi and Taheri Khorramabadi.

The meeting came as reports from Tehran said the power struggle between hardliners and moderates in Iran had intensified recently.

As you have written, leading the Islamic republic is a difficult task and a grave responsibility requiring more endurance than yours," Khomeini's letter today said, adding that both he and Montazeri had from the start opposed his appointment as successor.

"But the assembly of experts had reached this conclusion and I did not want to interfere in their legal sphere..."

"Everyone knows that you are the fruit of my life and I intensely like you," the Ayatollah said, admonishing Montazeri.

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Aquino casts her vote in her hometown in Alto village, north of Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)

Another step - Aquino

'Barangay' poll kills 16 Filipinos

MANILA, March 28, (UPI): The death toll climbed to 16 today in elections for 41,000 village councils nationwide marking the last phase of President Corason Aquino's political normalisation.

Police and military reports said suspected communist guerrillas gunned down 14 people, six candidates, four vigilantes and four civilians in six separate incidents. A civilian was hacked to death and a voter was shot and killed in arguments that erupted during the balloting.

At least 14 others were killed during the 10-day campaign that ended last night. The military said another 23 rebels were killed and four soldiers wounded the past three days in clashes as the military mounted security operations for a peaceful elections.

Aquino flew by helicopter to her San Miguel hometown in Tarlac province, north of the capital, and cast her ballot in a schoolhouse at her family's sugar plantation.

She later told reporters she hoped the exercise would "strengthen our democracy in that people are free to choose" following the ouster three years ago of 20-year ruler Ferdinand Marcos, now in exile in Hawaii.

"It is a chance for all to take part in government down to the barangay (village) level," said Aquino.

Since taking power in 1986, Aquino has held elections for the bicameral legislature and city, town and provincial councils. In the Jan 18, 1988 local polls, 17 people were killed on election day and 103 died during the two-month campaign.

The balloting for grassroots councils in districts and villages completes the nation's return to full democracy.

At the close of the polls, chairman Hilario Davide of the Commission on Elections said 70 per cent of the estimated 29 million voters cast their ballots.

The elections were non-partisan and full results in the races among one million candidates vying for the more than 280,000 village council positions nationwide were not expected to be known for several weeks.

Settlement said near Iranian haj boycott

DUBAI, March 28, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and Iran are close to breaking Tehran's two-year-old boycott of the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah, Iranian sources say.

But the question of how many Iranians the kingdom will allow on the haj is still a divisive issue.

The quota is an important factor in a complicated web involving the claim to spiritual leadership of Islam, stalled peace talks between Iran and Iraq, and the Afghan conflict.

Gulf Arab diplomats said Riyadh and Tehran were keen for an agreement, which might lead to resumed diplomatic ties before the haj in July.

Iranian sources said a solution had appeared near following meetings between Iranian and Saudi officials at the Organisation of Islamic Conference foreign ministers' meeting in Riyadh two weeks ago.

But the dialogue has stuck on the quota and Iran's demand that pilgrims should be allowed to use the haj as a political forum.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's King Fahd and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak got down to private talks on the turbulent Middle East today at the Suez Canal, which was once a battlefield in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"There is no agenda for formal discussions but the two leaders will discuss all the problems of the region as they walk, eat or drive," said a senior Saudi official.

Privacy for the two leaders was a priority. Local and foreign newsmen were kept well away from the monarch's well-guarded trail on the second day of his visit to Egypt.

Cheering Egyptians and banners greeted the 66-year-old King Fahd as he was driven into this Suez Canal town of Ismailia about 140 km (90 miles) north-east of Cairo.

Delhi admits portions of inquiry too secret to see

NEW DELHI, India, March 28, (AP): The government said today it withheld parts of a report on the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi because they contained top secret material, local media reported.

Home Minister Buta Singh told reporters the government did not release certain passages of the report because they were classified or considered sensitive. Press Trust of India said.

The agency quoted Singh as saying the Speaker of Parliament would be given the full report and would be able to seek the attorney-general's opinion on whether the secret portions should be made public.

The report, released Monday and based on the findings of a special state commission, accuses an adviser to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of complicity in the shooting to death of Indira, the prime minister's mother.

The adviser, Rajendra Kumar Dhawan, was personal secretary to Indira at the time.

The government said Dhawan had been exonerated of (Continued on Page 4 col. 6)

US oil prices weaken after sharp rise

More OPEC disunity predicted

By Jadranka Porter

Arab Times Staff

NEW YORK, March 28, (AP): Oil prices in US receded slightly this morning, one day after a major Alaskan oil spill incited a rally that pushed crude to the highest level in 19 months.

But North Sea oil prices rose. Traders in US attributed the decline partly to profit-taking and uncertainty about the long-term impact of the spill, which forced the temporary closure of an important oil-loading port.

They also said more uncertainty about prices and supplies was raised by an OPEC meeting due to start in Vienna, Austria, tomorrow.

The price of the May contract for West Texas intermediate oil, the benchmark US crude, fell to \$20.20 a 42-gallon barrel on the New York Mercantile

OPEC's unity, already strained by price and quota disagreements, may be further threatened as disputes develop between members who have already moved into downstream operation and those who have not, a top US oil expert said yesterday.

This may prompt the producers who only have upstream facilities to set up an organisation of their own, according to Clement Malin, general manager of corporate planning and economics at Texaco Inc.

Although he did not predict the imminent demise of OPEC, Malin forewarned serious cracks in the organisation's unity. Not only have the members' common interests, which used to keep OPEC together, dissipated, but also producers with and those without downstream investments will increasingly find that their objectives are at odds, Malin said.

The former will seek to maximise their overall profits, while the latter will want to increase profits from crude oil at the load port, he explained.

Exchange. Yesterday, the contract rose 38 cents a barrel to close at \$20.53.

It was the highest near-month closing price for the key grade since Aug 14, 1987, when it

closed at \$20.57. Britain's North Sea oil prices continued to surge today to their highest levels since October 1987.

This morning Brent crude, the most widely traded oil on the spot market, was quoted at \$19.30 per barrel for delivery in May.

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Captain with drinking problems investigated

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 28, (Agencies): Authorities today investigated reports that the captain of a tanker responsible for a 100-square-mile (259-square-kilometre) oil spill had drinking problems, and crews struggled against the slick that was moving "like it's on a superhighway."

"We look at all areas in an investigation and that's an area of concern," National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Bill Woody said on reports that Exxon Valdez Capt. Joseph Hazelwood had a drunken driving conviction as recently as September.

Hazelwood likely will be required to testify at NTSB hearings that begin on April 4 in Anchorage, Alaska, Woody said.

Hazelwood, 42, was not on the bridge when the vessel left shipping lanes on Friday to avoid ice, rammed a charted reef and ran aground in Prince William Sound, said Exxon Shipping Co. officials. The third mate, who did not have proper certification, was in charge, company President Frank Iarossi said.

Investigators said the results of drug and alcohol tests on crew members will be made public perhaps in two or three days.

Hazelwood pleaded guilty in 1984 to driving while intoxicated after an accident near his home in Huntington, New York, the New York Times reported today. He was convicted of drunken driving last September in New Hampshire and his license was revoked, the paper said.

Telephone calls to his home yesterday were not answered.

Norway's state pollution board said today it had offered technical expertise and equipment to US authorities after the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground last Friday in Alaska.



Benazir (left) and Howe walk into the banquet hall for a dinner she gave him last night. (Reuter wirephoto)

Edwin Meese will testify

Reagan off the hook in North trial

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): Former US attorney-general Edwin Meese III will testify at Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial this week, but former President Reagan won't.

US district judge Gerhard A. Gesell rejected North's bid to have Reagan appear in court on Friday as the defence's first witness.

Gesell, however, held out the possibility that Reagan might be called later, saying he wants a "succinct, particularised statement" from North's lawyers on what information they want to elicit from Reagan.

The judge will then decide, after holding a hear-

ing, whether the former President must testify.

North lawyer Brendan Sullivan is trying to show that Reagan and his advisers approved North's actions. The fired National Security Council aide is charged with 12 crimes, including obstructing and making false statement to Congress by denying he was involved in secretly assisting the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Meese, now with The Heritage Foundation, a conservative Washington think tank, will testify about North's alleged statements that the NSC wasn't involved in the diversion.

Howe pledges aid to Afghan refugees

Benazir congratulated

ISLAMABAD, March 28, (AP): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe ended a 26-hour official visit to Pakistan today by praising the "restoration of democracy" and pledging new aid to Afghan war refugees.

He also met with representatives of Muslim rebels fighting to overthrow neighbouring Afghanistan's government, but rejected any inference that the meeting indicated Britain recognised a rebel government.

Hours after Howe's arrival, a bomb exploded near a British cultural centre in Islamabad, and police said the blast apparently was linked to the controversy over British author Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses*, which many Muslims consider blasphemous. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

It was the third bombing in Pakistan in just over a month with possible ties to the novel.

Unprecedented security arrangements were made for

Howe's visit.

"The modern world must find a balance between mutual respect for the great religions and the traditions of free speech and free expression within the law," Howe said.

During a meeting yesterday with Howe, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said she understood the anguish to Muslims caused by Rushdie's book, but added, "we appreciate that Britain has its own laws."

Protests against the Rushdie novel in Pakistan reportedly caused Howe to cancel a trip to the Northwest Frontier Province, where most of the Afghan war refugees live.

At a news conference before leaving for India, Howe said Britain promised another £2 million (\$3.4 million) to non-government organisations helping Afghan refugees.

Howe also met briefly with representatives of the interim Afghan guerrilla government formed on Feb 23. The rebel

government has been seeking diplomatic recognition and recently received their nation's seat in the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

"Our meeting was an encouragement and not a recognition," Howe said.

The foreign secretary's Pakistan visit was designed to congratulate Benazir on her election victory last November and the country's return to a democratic system after 11 years of rule by military leader Gen Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, who died last year in an as-yet unexplained plane crash.

Benazir, who once lived in London, is to make an official visit to Britain later this year.

Howe said he witnessed the "tangible pride in the restoration of democracy and the keen desire to move onto a new stage in the country's economic development."

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South Korean military chiefs abruptly fired

SEOUL, March 28, (Agencies): The South Korean government today sacked the chief of the country's military academy in an abrupt reshuffle of 49 top generals, state radio reported.

The Korea Broadcasting System (KBS) said academy chief Lieutenant General Min Byung-Don was retiring, together with four-star general Chung Jin-Tae, who served as deputy head of the US-South Korean Combined Forces Command (CFC).

The radio gave no reason for the sweeping staff changes.

Analysts noted General Min last week openly challenged President Roh Tae-Woo's policies towards political protest at home and attempted détente with communist North Korea.

Min publicly snubbed Roh at a graduation ceremony, and said in a speech that national policies over leftist protests at home and North Korean détente were in confusion. He later submitted his resignation.

The reason for General Chung's retirement was not clear.

Today's sudden announcement was the first major reshuffle of the South Korean military since Roh, victor of free elections in December 1987, took over from the autocratic Chun Doo Hwan in February last year.

Roh said today a unilateral arms reduction by South Korea would not bring peace with communist rival North Korea.

"It is regrettable that some quarters in our society have an illusion that a unilateral arms reduction by us would bring peace," Roh said in an address at the graduation ceremony of the Korea Air Force Academy.

A South Korean dissident leader, Rev. Moon Ik-Hwan, defying his government by visiting its communist rival, held talks with North Korean President Kim Il Sung, the North's official news agency said today.

The North's Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, said Moon told yesterday with Kim, who told him: "As national reunification is a nation-wide cause, anyone may come even individually, if he wants to discuss the question of reunification, and we will welcome him."

Marks detained Drugs ring boss to be extradited

MADRID, March 28, (Reuters): Spain's high court ruled today that a Briton accused of leading the world's biggest hashish and marijuana smuggling ring should be extradited to the United States to face narcotics charges.

Howard Marks, 43, and his wife Judith were arrested at their home on the Mediterranean island of Majorca last July after a federal indictment in Miami named him as leader of a drugs ring spanning 14 countries.

The high court said that Judith Marks should also be extradited to the United States.

Neither has been charged in Spain.

In its ruling the high court required the US authorities to guarantee within 40 days that the couple if convicted would not serve more than 30 years in prison — the maximum sentence permitted under Spanish law.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistani jailed

NEWARK, N.J., March 28, (UPI): A Pakistani immigrant was sentenced yesterday to three months in federal prison for his part in a scheme to smuggle two anti-tank missiles to China disguised as refrigerator parts.

Qamar Babar, 50, of New York City, co-operated with federal investigators after his arrest in August 1987 and pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act.

"I am just very embarrassed by what I have done, and I will not do it again in my life," he told US district judge Dickinson Debevoise.

100-year-old tree

CALCUTTA, March 28, (UPI): A dispute has arisen over the fate of a 100-year-old rain tree, which must be felled to make way for the construction of a new Soviet consulate in a posh suburb of Calcutta, the capital of communist-ruled West Bengal state.

Two women living in the Alipore suburb of India's largest city formed a group, the Friends of the Tree Society, to block the felling of the tree and have lobbied the West Bengal government to prevent its demise.

13 years labour

MOSCOW, March 28, (AP): A former Soviet Army colonel accused of planting a bomb in his wife's luggage last summer has been sentenced to 13 years in a labour camp, Tass reported today.

The official Soviet news agency said the former colonel, identified only as V. Grib, planned for the crude explosive device to go off 35 minutes after its departure for the 1,400-kilometre (870-mile) flight from the Ukrainian capital of Kiev to the Volga River city of Kuibyshev, but it failed to detonate.

FSX jet fighter

WASHINGTON, March 28, (UPI): Japanese and American negotiators continued to grapple with details of a revised agreement on the development and production of an advanced jet fighter known as the FSX, amid reports some compromise had been made.

Japan's Vice Defence Minister Seiki Daishiro, head of Tokyo's team in the negotiations, remained in Washington over the weekend instead of returning home on Sunday as planned.



Springtime romance

Summer's springtime romance for these two couples has not yet faded for a face to face conversation at Madrid zoo. The zoo remained a popular attraction for Spanish school children. (Reuter wirephoto)

US may ask Kremlin to loosen grip over East

NEW YORK, March 28, (AP): The US government is cautiously considering asking Moscow to loosen its grip over Eastern Europe in exchange for a pledge from the West not to undermine the Soviets, according to a report published today.

The proposal is being considered as part of Secretary of State James A. Baker III's strategic policy review, which is to be completed by the beginning of May, Baker said in an interview with the New York Times.

"I think it is important that any such idea, to the

extent that it is going to be pursued, be pursued carefully, so that you do not send a signal that somehow we are getting together with the Soviet Union and carving up Eastern Europe," Baker said.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger reportedly suggested that Washington and its NATO allies consider calling on Moscow to sharply ease its political and military control over Eastern Europe. In exchange, the West would promise not to exploit the new environment in a way that threatens the Soviet Union.

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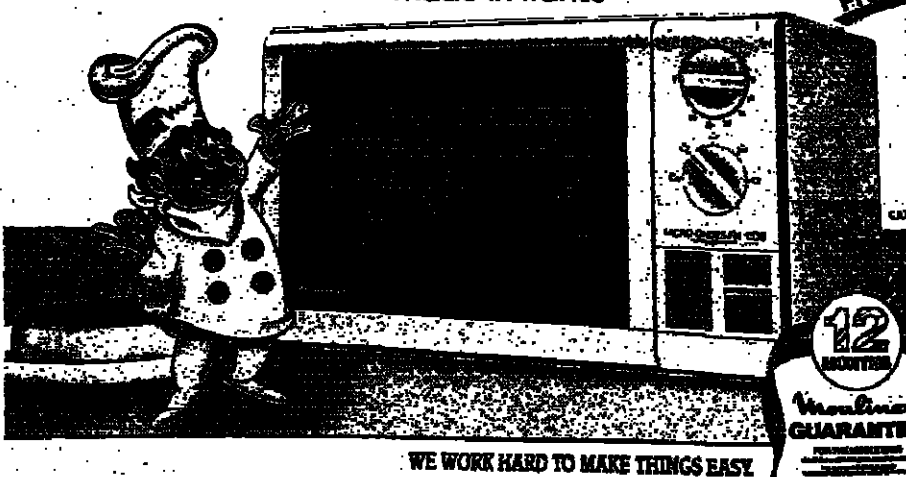
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No public safety

Violent crimes sweep Britain

LONDON, March 28, (AP): An upsurge in violent crime in Britain has alarmed the public and shored up public safety into the forefront of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's governmental agenda.

Violent crime accounts for less than five per cent of crime in Britain. But a 12.2 per cent increase in violent crimes in England and Wales — from 141,043 offences in 1987 to 158,248 in 1988 — has renewed debate on the cause and the cure.

Many Britons have been horrified by pictures and news stories of violent crime — a 77-year-old grandmother battered by thieves, a Turkish student stabbed to death on a London subway, a rapist who targets elderly women, a gang of robbers who terrorised suburban families.

The government is fighting violent crime with more police, pushing for tougher sentences, and stressing the importance of personal responsibility, said Home Secretary Douglas Hurd, who is in charge of law enforcement.

"Although violent crime accounts for only about one in 20 of all crimes, it blights the lives of many people," he said. "The victims are often scarred emotionally as well as physically. Fear of crime diminishes the lives of thousands, especially elderly people and women."

Paradoxically, violent crime hit the record level in 1988 as overall crime fell by five per cent, the biggest annual drop in 35 years. This was a sharp reversal of the average five per cent annual increase in the crime rate since 1980.

Hurd called the overall decline the "first blue patches in what once seemed a wholly dark sky." It was largely due to a continuing fall in burglary and theft, which account for more than 90 per cent of crimes in Britain.

"The decrease is due substantially to individual citizens taking anti-crime measures," said Justice Minister John Patten.

The government has promoted the "neighbourhood watch" and nearly 60,000 operate. But research has found the schemes ineffective. But while many people have demanded Thatcher make good on her "law and order" promises that helped her win power a decade ago, others blame her policies for promoting the violence.

Blame "The callous individualism that has been encouraged by Thatcher and her ministers over the past 10 years is directly responsible for the increase in violent crime," said Roy Hattersley, the Labour Party's chief spokesman on law enforcement issues.

Fingers of blame are pointed in other directions. Several leading criminologists question the government's crime statistics, saying victims' surveys show rates of violence remaining steady but reports to the police increasing.

And the media is blamed by Bristol's chief inspector Peter Last and researcher Stephen Jackson. They claim the British news media has created unreasonable fear with its portrayal of crime in the streets.

A recent Bristol police survey found two-thirds of women and half of all adults lived in fear of attack, robbery or rape.

Topless bathing row kills one

ANDORA, Italy, March 28, (AP): An 18-year-old student beat a 54-year-old woman to death with a rock after an argument over topless sunbathing.

Italian news agencies said the student insulted the woman and accused her of indecency for going topless on a remote stretch of beach.

The victim, identified as Maria Adua Amerio, tried to run away but was killed when her attacker struck her on the head with a large rock, the reports said.

Racial violence causes more danger

BOSTON, March 28, (AP): Crimes motivated by bigotry are more violent than previously assumed, according to a study by Northeastern University.

"The idea that a civil rights violation consists of kids painting graffiti on a church or throwing a rock through a window does not describe the type of incidents reported to the Boston police," Professor Jack McDermott wrote in his study for the Centre for Applied Social Research at Northeastern University.

More than 50 per cent of the incidents of racial violence identified in our study are acts of a very serious and potentially injury-resulting character.

The study, released Monday, examined 452 crimes reported from 1983 to 1987 and identified by the Boston police community disorders unit as motivated by bigotry.

The crimes included whites assaulting a white

boyfriend of a black female, bricks thrown through windows, a swastika painted on a synagogue and assaults on homosexuals.

Fifty-three per cent of the crimes were categorised as physical assaults.

Howard Ehrlich, research director of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence, an independent organisation in Baltimore, called the Northeastern study "the first really decent

analysis of hard data."

Such research reinforces findings of the Baltimore institute that one out of four or five minority persons will be victimised during the course of a year, he said.

"It's very underreported," McDermott said. "Victims fear retaliation. And victims will deny it's a hate crime. If you feel you're a victim because of your religion or your colour, then each time you step out the door (you fear) you're going to be attacked."

US court weighs options

Death for teen killers

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): The Supreme Court was urged on Monday to find a national consensus "against executing our young" and ban the death penalty for all juvenile murderers.

"There is a consensus of opinion in this country against executing our young," argued attorney Nancy McKerrow on behalf of a Missouri death row inmate.

But questions from the bench during two hours of arguments in cases from Missouri and Kentucky suggested the justices doubt that any clear consensus

exists.

The nation's highest court is to decide by July whether imposing the death penalty on murderers who committed their crimes before reaching the age of 18 represents the "cruel and unusual punishment" banned by the constitution's eighth amendment.

The court's decision will affect only 31 of the more than 2,200 death row inmates nationwide. Anti-capital punishment forces, nevertheless, are attaching enormous importance to the issue.

Leniency offer

Guatemala inmates hold 600 hostages

GUATEMALA CITY, March 28, (Reuters): Armed inmates holding about 600 hostages were considering a government offer of better prison conditions and leniency in return for an end to their revolt, which entered its third day today.

About 1,000 soldiers, police and prison guards held machine-gun positions in and outside the electrified perimeter of El Pavon jail, 10 miles (16 km) south of the capital.

"We've made a series of offers and we hope things will be resolved tomorrow," Jose Manuel Campos, director of the Guatemalan prison system, told reporters last night.

Inmates at the prison have been holding the hostages since a failed breakout attempt on Sunday.

Four prison guards and four inmates were killed in a three-hour gun battle on Sunday that left about 50 injured, prison system spokesman Conrado Moroy said. Three prison workers and a guard were also missing.

Women

Most of the hostages are women and children relatives of prisoners allowed into the jail for Easter visits, although two fire service officials who had been conducting negotiations early on in the dispute were also reported taken hostage.

Campos, commenting that the prisoners were unlikely to risk the lives of their relatives, said the inmates seemed willing to negotiate and he played down the possibility of further bloodshed.

"I don't think that is going to happen," he said. "They appear to be open to dialogue."

He said there had been no gun-fire since a few warning volleys from the prisoners early on Monday.

Last night, the inmates released 19 hostages — 15 adults and four children — suffering from shock, Moroy said.

The prisoners also allowed guards to take away the bodies of two of the dead, a prisoner and a guard.

The government human rights ombudsman, Gonzalo Menendez de la Riva, passed a list of concessions to the prisoners yesterday, including better food, electricity and water supplies as well as a judicial pardon for crimes committed during the siege.

One of the dead inmates was reported to be a former Army officer jailed on murder charges, and prison officials said the breakout attempt appeared to be carefully organised.

US revenue manual

No way to avoid taxes

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): It would take something more than a nuclear attack to wipe out an American taxpayer's obligations.

An addition to the internal revenue manual supposed to guide the conduct of all employees of the Internal Revenue Service — the federal agency in charge of tax collecting — acknowledges that collection might suffer if the bomb is dropped. But once the emergency is over, the manual declares, "operations will be concentrated on collecting the taxes which will produce the greater revenue yield."

IRS spokesman Johnell Hunter said that the new section — titled "National Emergency Operations" — was added to the manual in response to a directive to government departments from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The two-page policy statement is dated Dec 14, 1988.

In the event of a national emergency (especially resulting from nuclear attack) the primary function of the service is to support the Secretary of the Treasury," the manual states. "This support as a minimum will consist of analysing and reporting upon emergency tax legislation, prescribing regulations and forms, issuing ruling and technical information of an emergency nature."

Visa lottery sparks global tempest

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): From Egypt to Romania and Morocco to Malaysia, throngs of people have besieged US embassies and consulates in past weeks — but with eagerness, not anger.

Anxious to gain information about a new programme that will grant 20,000 immigrant visas for entry into the United States in 1991 and 1992, phones in embassies have been ringing almost constantly.

In Cairo, the embassy recently was forced to shut down and call police to deal with a crowd of about

2,000 people demanding about the plan.

In Bucharest, Romania, people started lines at 6 am, and the local police organised crowds into groups of 20 for entry into the embassy.

The tempest was touched off late last month when the State Department announced that citizens from 162 countries will be eligible for the special visa lottery. Some 20,000 entrants will be chosen at random by computer. Friday is the deadline to apply.



Astronaut Mary Cleave

Rebirth of US space programme

HOUSTON, March 28, (Reuters): The crew of the space shuttle Atlantis, set for an April 28 launch, said yesterday they hope their mission will rekindle interest in the moribund US planetary exploration programme.

For the first time in the shuttle programme, a planetary probe is to be deployed from the orbiter and launched into deep space. The \$380-million Magellan satellite will travel on to Venus and map the surface of the planet.

Flight commander David Walker told a news conference that the Magellan deployment represents the "logical marriage" of the US space agency NASA's manned and unmanned operations.

The astronauts said the Venus probe may shed light on the so-called "greenhouse effect" — a global warming trend, and on plate tectonics, the movement of large land masses.

The planetary space programme "has been in the doldrums because of funding problems and the recent lack of launch vehicles," Walker said. The United States has not launched a planetary expedition in 12 years.

On the light side

Yasmin has fears of illness

BOSTON, March 28, (AP): Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, who nursed her mother, actress Rita Hayworth, until her death from Alzheimer's disease, said she worries she will get the illness and would want euthanasia if she did. She credits her harmonious relationship with her mother with her ability to support Hayworth throughout her illness, the Boston Sunday Globe reported. Hayworth, star of such films as Miss Sadie Thompson and Gilda, died in 1987 at age 68.

Mother Teresa to visit US

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, March 28, (AP): Nobel laureate Mother Teresa is scheduled to attend the June 4 dedication of a shelter for the homeless that her religious order is opening in Memphis. Mother Teresa, who won the Nobel peace prize in 1979, is also to take part in a service the same day commemorating the 15th anniversary of the first Roman Catholic mass performed in the city. Four sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, an order founded by Mother Teresa, are setting up a shelter for homeless women and children here.

Prince Philip escapes injury

LONDON, March 28, (AP): Prince Philip escaped injury when his horse-drawn carriage turned over in the grounds of Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace said. The 67-year-old husband of Queen Elizabeth II was at the reins of a four-in-hand carriage pulled by balmoral fell ponies, about 300 yards (metres) from the castle stables, when one of the carriage wheels hit a concrete post, said a palace spokesman.

Actress denies drug addiction

NEW YORK, March 28, (AP): Actress Kristy McNichol refused to continue working on the movie "Just The Way You Are" in 1982 and rumours flew that she was a drug addict, an alcoholic or a manic depressive. She denies the rumours in an interview with People magazine that it was an emotional breakdown that caused her to leave the set. "I was totally out of control," said McNichol, 26.

Lobster finds a home

OMAHA, Nebraska, March 28, (AP): A lobster who escaped the jaws of death when a woman could not bring herself to eat him has found a home at the Henry Doorly Zoo. The 24-pound (10.9-kilogramme) crustacean called Clyde was the prize in a January supermarket promotion, but the contest winner decided against making a meal out of him and the Omaha Zoo took him temporarily.

Chinese man may rejoin his Italian wife

BEIJING, March 28, (AP): Chinese authorities are ready to let a Chinese man rejoin his pregnant Italian wife — provided he clears up what they regard as slanderous charges against the government, an Italian embassy official said today.

"We've been told several times by the Chinese government that they are willing to permit him to join his wife" once a dispute over his departure from his United Nations post in Geneva, where he met his wife, is resolved, first secretary Maria Assunta Accil Sabatini of the embassy said.

She said Zhu Juwang, 28, is now in Shanghai

waiting for permission to leave China. His wife, Patricia Riccardo, 33, said on Monday she will give birth in a camper parked outside the Chinese embassy in Rome to protest China's refusal to give him a passport.

The child, her second by Zhu, is due within a few days.

Mrs Sabatini said Chinese authorities have accused Zhu of slandering the government in a letter written to the United Nations in which he reportedly says he was forced to quit his job because of his marriage to a foreigner.

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No response

Najib invites rebels for talks

ISLAMABAD, March 28. (Agencies): Afghan President Najib has repeated an invitation to rebel commanders to attend peace talks to end the country's 10-year war and to take a share in government.

In a broadcast over the official Kabul Radio, monitored in Islamabad, he said he was awaiting a positive response from the rebels.

The Western-backed rebels have rejected Kabul's previous peace offers and refused to share power with Najib's People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

The latest appeal was addressed only to what Najib called "opposition commanders inside Afghanistan." He asked them not to take orders from Pakistan-based rebel leaders, who set up a government-in-exile last month.

He said the rebels rejected previous peace offers on the grounds that Soviet troops were in the country.

"Now we have no Russians, so why is there war?" he said referring to the Soviet troop withdrawal completed last month under UN-mediated Geneva accords.

"You want government, so let us have a 'jirga' (traditional council) in a peaceful atmosphere," he said. "We all must sit together, make a ceasefire as a first step and then build a government in our home."

"We do not say the country belongs to the PDPA. The country belongs to all of us."

Najib said that while inviting the rebel commanders to peace talks, he was not asking them to surrender arms. "You can keep the weapons with yourselves."

He said if the rebel commanders were not ready for talks, they should for the present have a ceasefire in their areas. "Slowly we will come together for peace talks."

For three weeks rebel forces have been mounting an offensive against the eastern town of Jalalabad which they want to use as a base for an interim government.

Afghan Muslim insurgents said today they had established a military committee to co-ordinate battle strategy in the wake of their stalled assault on Afghanistan's vital eastern city of Jalalabad.

"There has been terrible co-ordination in Jalalabad," said a guerrilla source, who spoke on condition he not be identified. Coupled with the confused military strategy, rebels are using antiquated and at times non-existent communications systems, he said.

The rebels, known as the mujahadeen, are trying to overthrow Afghanistan's Marxist government, which had been backed by Soviet troops.

Although the Soviet troops withdrew last month, the government has maintained control of the country's large cities, including Jalalabad and the capital, Kabul.

An Afghan source said the Soviet troop withdrawal put pressure on the US-backed guerrillas to capture of a major city as a show of strength.

Jalalabad, which sits on the strategic trade route between Pakistan and Afghanistan, has been the target. It is 45 miles (75 kilometres) west of the border.

"The timing was perhaps... wrong," said a rebel source. "The time pressure put in everybody's mind the idea of a quick victory."

Thatcher calls for Mideast peace

MARRAKESH, March 28. (Reuters): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in Morocco on the first leg of a six-day African tour, has made an urgent call for immediate efforts to stabilise the Middle East situation.

Thatcher was speaking at a banquet in her honour last night hosted by King Hassan during a 24-hour visit to Marrakesh on her way to Southern Africa.

"No one should be in doubt that the present situation in the Middle East is fundamentally unstable and cannot continue," she said. "It is time for well-prepared negotiations to begin."

Never has the need for a solution been more urgent."

The British leader favours an international Middle East peace conference as a means of trying to solve the conflict.

Thatcher noted that King Hassan, unusually for an Arab leader, had held talks in 1986 with Shimon Peres, then Israel's prime minister.

Calling it a "courageous move," she told the Moroccan monarch: "As you said then, nothing is ever lost by exploring the views of

one's opponents. That is an example from which Israel can learn."

She said: "I would like to see Britain and Morocco co-operate in helping to bring the Israelis and the Palestinians together."

Thatcher, heading for southern Africa on a peace mission, stopped today in Lagos for talks with Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida.

Thatcher, who flew in from Morocco, was having lunch with Babangida before going later Tuesday to Zimbabwe, the centre point of the African tour.



Margaret Thatcher inspects an honour guard at the Royal Palace in Marrakesh before meeting King Hassan. (Reuters wirephoto)



Remembering a martyr

A member of the Palestine Popular Army carries a large knife as he and other members march through the West Bank village with an empty coffin. The march marked the first anniversary of the killing of a village youth by Israeli troops. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iraq to pay \$27 million

Accord on compensation

WASHINGTON, March 28. (AP): The United States and Iraq have reached a tentative agreement for Iraq to pay \$27.3 million to the families of American sailors killed in the 1987 missile attack on the USS Stark, the State Department announced today.

"The government of Iraq has agreed to pay over \$27 million as full compensation for (the) deaths," said spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

The agreement totals about 92 per cent of the

amount the United States was seeking for the families of the 37 sailors. It was accepted after what amounted to a take-it-or-leave-it offer to a delegation of State and Defence Department officials that travelled to Baghdad, administration officials said.

The officials, who insisted on anonymity, said the American delegation had been called in to see Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz yesterday "and told that this was what (Iraqi) President (Saddam) Hussein had decided."

Greece court sentences Palestinian wanted in US

ATHENS, March 28. (Reuters): A Greek court today sentenced a Palestinian guerrilla, wanted in the United States, to eight months in jail for illegal possession of weapons found in his prison cell.

A three-judge appeals court overruled a lower court's decision clearing Mohammed Rashid of charges of hiding weapons in his cell. Metal shrapnel into a blade and a broken saw were found by guards during a routine check on Feb 17.

However, the court said Rashid could buy off his sentence for three dollars a day as an alternative to serving the term in jail.

Rashid, 34, is wanted in the United States on charges stemming from the bombing of a Pan American airliner en route to Hawaii in 1982 that killed a Japanese teenager.

He was arrested last May on a tip-off by the Americans and served a five-month jail sentence for entering Greece on a false Syrian passport. He has been detained in jail while the Greek Supreme Court reviews a



Rashid: weapons
Washington extradition request. Members of the US Congress have said Athens' decision on whether to extradite Rashid, who describes himself as a soldier in the Palestine Liberation Organisation, could affect the future of Greek-American relations.

UN chief plans to visit Sahara for talks

UNITED NATIONS, March 28. (AP): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says he will visit Western Sahara if it will spur progress on his peace plan for the territory, where Marxist-led rebels are battling the Moroccan Army.

"I'm not in a position to say when, right at this time, but it is something that I have in my mind," Perez de Cuellar told the Associated Press.

He commented after meeting separately with envoys from Morocco and the Polisario Front, which is fighting for the independence of the former Spanish colony.

Last August, the parties agreed in principle to observe a ceasefire and hold a referendum on whether the arid, sparsely settled land will become an independent nation or will be affiliated with Morocco.

Plan

Discussion of the details of the plan have gone on since then.

On Monday, Moroccan UN Ambassador Driss Saloui and Polisario envoy Behir Mustapha met with Perez de Cuellar.

The Moroccan left without commenting on the talks.

The United Nations has drafted plans to send about 2,000 peacekeepers to Western Sahara to monitor the referendum and make sure the Army or Polisario do not intimidate voters.

The Moroccan Army has about 185,000 troops in Western Sahara, compared with about 7,000 Polisario guerrilla fighters. Polisario has said the Moroccan force should be cut to 7,000 before the referendum.

Another major issue is who should be eligible to vote in the referendum, but both Mustapha and Perez de Cuellar said they had no substantive talks on that subject.

Israeli Arabs urged to join the uprising

West Bank boy shot dead

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 28. (Agencies): Underground leaders of a Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories have urged Israeli Arabs to join the revolt ahead of a key Arab nationalist anniversary this week.

In the occupied West Bank, an Israeli policeman shot dead a four-year-old Palestinian boy yesterday after being stoned by protesters during a general strike, police sources said.

The boy was the second youngest Palestinian killed in the 15-month uprising. The latest leaflet from the PLO-backed unified leadership of the uprising called for Israel's 700,000 Arabs to join the revolt: "Let your efforts in support of the intifada (uprising) and in asserting your Palestinian identity be united."

It also called for a new strike and confrontation on Land Day, when Israel's Arabs commemorate the 1976 killing of six comrades in protests against the seizure of Arab land. The anniversary falls on Thursday.

"Unify all efforts to celebrate this glorious anniversary by a general strike, complete disobedience and an escalation of confrontations," the leaflet said.

Past appeals by Palestinians to Israeli Arabs have been widely ignored but both Palestinians and Israelis regard Land Day as a test of strength for the revolt against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza, which were captured in 1967.

Israeli authorities hope Land Day will pass peacefully, enabling them to take conciliatory steps such as reopening Palestinian schools and releasing Arab prisoners for the Muslim Ramadan holiday, security sources said.

Israel closed the occupied territories for three days this time last year — then an unprecedented step in the revolt — and made mass arrests. But Palestinians defied the crackdown and Israeli troops shot dead four protesters on Land Day.

Israeli authorities are unlikely to take such stern measures this year to avoid antagonising the United States ahead of next week's visit to Washington by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for important talks with President Bush.

Security sources said the Army would probably close off the territories to journalists and concentrate on preventing Palestinian militants from entering Israeli Arab villages near the border of the West Bank to stir up unrest.

Police said they would also deploy 5,000 officers and soldiers in Israel to prevent violence and were meeting heads of Arab local councils to discourage demonstrations. There was virtually no Israeli Arab unrest last year on Land Day.

Shamir plans to propose elections in the occupied territories as a way to open peace talks with Palestinians while avoiding direct contact with the PLO, a senior official said.

"In the land of Israel there can be just one country, the state of Israel," Shamir said yesterday at a gathering of senior members of his right-wing Likud bloc in Tel Aviv.

Israel's police chief said yesterday that officers confronting Palestinian rioters are permitted to disguise themselves as journalists by putting "press" signs on their cars.

Journalists said the police decision needlessly endangers the lives of correspondents working in the occupied territories and annexed east Jerusalem and planned to retaliate by putting "police on duty" signs on their vehicles.

The United States showed cautious progress in its view of the Palestinian question during talks in Tunis last week, a PLO official said yesterday.

Although US Ambassador Robert Pelletreau could not give clear answers on most issues raised, the Palestinian team detected some movement towards its own point of view, the official said.

Shamir made a morale-boosting tour of Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank today to reaffirm his hardline policies a week before a key trip to Washington.

Islamists leading intifada

PARIS, March 28. (KUNA): A French newspaper today highlighted the growing religious trend in the Palestinian resistance, saying the Islamists are leading the revolt in Israeli-occupied Gaza.

Although the struggle against Israeli occupation goes in concurrence with that of the pro-PLO elements, the Le Figaro daily said the Islamists find many points of divergence with mainstream Palestinians.

It quoted a leader of the Islamist movement in Gaza, Dr Mohammad Al Zahar as saying "the Palestinian revolution has been captured by the communists of the PLO," thus complaining about the secular multi-sect character of the PLO.

He said that his movement opposes the ongoing US-Palestinian dialogue "because through this dialogue the Americans want an end to the uprising in the occupied lands... they only think of us as idiots and their only goal is to serve their Israeli allies."

Delhi admits portions of inquiry too secret to see

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involvement in Indira's death. He could not be reached for comment today.

Opposition members said today that the government failed to release two volumes of the report.

"Is parliament at the mercy of the government?" asked opposition leader Madhu Dandavate, a Janata Party member of the lower house.

Dandavate presented a motion for breach of privilege, a form of parliamentary sanction, against Singh, who delivered the report to parliament.

In the upper house, opposition members wrested an assurance from deputy chairman Nagma Heptulla that the issue would be

taken up with the government.

The Statesman newspaper said the report had four volumes and was about 8,000 pages long. The government released 657 pages in two volumes.

The report links three people directly to the assassination: the two gunmen and Dhawan, Indira's personal secretary for more than 20 years.

Ram Jethmalani, a lawyer who defended Kehar Singh, said his client would have been saved if details of the secret report had been released earlier.

Members of the assembly of eastern Bihar also today brawled with each other and other legislators were forced to adjourn as the furore escalated over the report.

Montazeri out in power shift

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"In order not to repeat the past mistakes I advise you to clean up your house from dishonest people and seriously keep away opponents of the system who masquerade as supporters of Islam and the Islamic republic..."

"Theological students, prayer leaders, newspapers and radio and television should make this simple fact known to people, that in Islam the interests of the system come first and we should all obey them," Khomeini said.

In another development, Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, resigned from his post today.

Tehran Radio, said that the resignation was announced in a statement issued by the Iranian delegation to the United Nations.

Mahallati's resignation comes only two days after Deputy Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Larjani, also handed in his resignation.



General Dmitri Yazov (right) greeted by his Syrian counterpart Major General Mustafa Tlass. (Reuters wirephoto)

Military co-operation

Yazov visits Syrian coast

DAMASCUS, March 28. (AP): Soviet Defence Minister Gen. Dmitri Yazov today toured Syria's Mediterranean coast, where Moscow reportedly has sought to expand a military installation it has operated there for 30 years.

Sources in the Soviet delegation said the defence minister was accompanied by senior Syrian officers on the trip from Damascus to Latakia.

Yazov flew in Monday on the first official visit to Syria, Moscow's chief Arab ally, by a Soviet defence minister in more than a decade. He met with his Syrian counterpart, Lieut. Gen. Mustafa Tlass, after arrival.

He was expected to meet with President Hafez Al Assad during the visit, the duration of which was not disclosed.

Gulf talks in Geneva likely

GENEVA, March 28. (Agencies): The next formal round of Iran-Iraq negotiations for the implementation of Resolution 598 were likely to be held in Geneva at the end of April and early May, diplomatic sources here said today.

While the date and venue had not been finalised, an announcement on these was likely following consultations between the two at ambassadorial level to be held at the United Nations in New York on March 30 and 31, they added.

UN special envoy Marrack Gouling met with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati today, and heard Iran's protests to ceasefire violations by Iraq, the Iranian Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

In a separate development, Iran said today Iraq had expelled into its territory 110 people, including women and children, in a forced march across mountainous areas.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Kilbi re-elected

TUNIS, March 28. (UPI): Tunisian politician Chadli Kilbi was re-elected as secretary-general of the Arab League today for a third mandate of five years, officials said.

Kilbi, 64, was the only candidate and his re-election by the ministerial council of the Arab League meeting in Tunis was unanimous. Kilbi first was elected to the Arab League in June 1979.

Relations positive

DAMASCUS, March 28. (KUNA): Syrian President Hafez Assad described present relations between Syria and Egypt as "positive" but said resumption of diplomatic ties with Cairo is still premature. In an interview with the US Time magazine, Assad said Syria does not want to annex Lebanon.

Rain threat

NICOSIA, March 28. (Reuters): More downpours look set to lash South Yemen in the next few days after floods caused by heavy rain killed 21 people and made 50,000 homeless this week.

Israeli police pledge

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 28. (Reuters): Israeli police have promised to stop impersonating journalists as a means of apprehending Palestinian protesters, the Foreign Ministry said today.

Israel-Hungary ties

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 28. (Reuters): The Hungarian Prime Minister who over- saw the severing of diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967 was quoted here today as saying full ties would resume "within three months."

PLO council to meet

TUNIS, March 28. (Reuters): The central council of the PLO, a smaller version of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, will meet in Tunis on Friday, PLO spokesman Ahmed Abderrahman said yesterday.

Iran to boycott

NICOSIA, March 28. (AP): The Iranian Ministry of Culture and Information has announced that it would boycott a film festival in neighbouring Turkey because a film considered blasphemous by many Christians is to be shown, Tehran Radio reported.

Sudan seeks peace talks with rebels

ADDIS ABABA, March 28. (Reuters): Sudanese officials said today that a high-level government delegation would visit Ethiopia next week to reopen peace talks with rebel leaders, but the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) declined to say how it would respond to the initiative.

A senior Sudanese diplomat told Reuters that a "peace committee" led by newly appointed Foreign Minister Sid Ahmed Al Hussein "is coming to Addis Ababa with the greatest hope and dedication to achieve peace in the troubled south."

The SPLA, which maintains its main overseas office in Addis Ababa, has been fighting since 1983 against what it sees as the domination of Sudan's mainly Christian south by the Muslim north.

SPLA officials declined to comment on Khartoum's latest peace initiative, which follows government acceptance of a peace formula agreed last November by rebel leader John Garang and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

The SPLA officials said only that the rebel response to the government's latest overtures would be broadcast soon over Radio SPLA, the movement's clandestine radio station.

Move to rebuild Jewish temple

Search for desert caves

QUMRAN, Israel, March 28. (AP): For 21 years, Vendyl Jones has been using the Dead Sea scrolls like a treasure map to search these desert caves for riches of the Jewish temple buried by the ancient Israelites.

Among the lost artefacts he hopes to recover, are the ashes of the Red Heifer, which according to the Old Testament were derived from burning a rare, solid-red cow and using the ashes for purification rites by the ancient Israelite priests.

Many orthodox Jews and Christian fundamentalists believe that finding the ashes would be a step toward fulfilling the Biblical prophecy of rebuilding the Jewish temple on the Temple Mount. Currently the site of the Muslim holy shrines Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa mosque.

"The ashes are the future. This will allow the establishment of the Third Temple," said Jones, 58, a former minister from Texas.

"To me, that's worth 10,000 King Tut tombs," he said, referring to the spectacular ancient Egyptian treasure recovered in 1922 at Luxor.

But archaeologists are sceptical about the merits of consulting the Dead Sea scrolls to search for Biblical artefacts, arguing that the so-called copper scroll — the key to Jones' efforts — should be treated primarily as a mystical document.

are recovered, said the ancient relics would be used to purify Jews so they could enter the Temple Mount without defiling it.

"If it's clear the ashes are authentic, it can help us prepare for building the new temple," he said. "For nearly 2,000 years there haven't been any ashes."

However, any attempt to restore a Jewish temple on the site would be certain to stir tensions throughout the Muslim world.

The Romans destroyed the second Israelite temple in 70 AD a religious ruling has banned orthodox Jews from visiting the Temple Mount so they would not walk on the holy site without being purified.

According to the copper scroll, the ashes of the Red Heifer and other temple treasures were buried in the first century AD by the mystical Essenes sect, who hid the Dead Sea scrolls in the same desert caves to avoid plundering by the advancing Romans.

Among the missing treasures are gold, silver, the vestments of high priests, balsam oil used to anoint the Israelite kings and the original Israelite tabernacle built by Moses and Aaron.

By carefully deciphering the document, etched in Hebrew on three pieces of copper measuring nearly eight feet (2.4 metres) in length, Jones believes he has been able to locate the cave where the temple treasures are buried.

"The scroll is filled with descriptions. It's like following a treasure map," said Jones, who began his quest in 1968.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Crown Prince audiences

KUWAIT, March 28. (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Tuesday received at his diwan in the Bayan Palace the participants in Kuwait's 11th Exhibition of Arab Formative Artists held under the auspices of His Highness.

The meeting was attended by Board Chairman and members of Kuwait Society for Formative Arts Mahmoud Al Ridhwan.

The Crown Prince also received Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad, Communications Minister Abdullah Al Sharhan, and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaibi.

Seminar for travel agents

THE local Interline Reservation Group of Kuwait will hold a seminar for travel agents on April 2, at the Plaza Hotel. They will discuss aspects of offering improved and better services to the public. The seminar has been sponsored by 15 airlines.

Graduation ceremony

UNDER the auspices of HH the Amir, Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, who has deputised on his behalf Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber, the 19th group of conscript officers will graduate tomorrow.

The graduation ceremony will be attended by Army Chief of Staff Muzeyed Al Sanea, Ministry of Defence Undersecretary Faisal Al Dawoud and a number of senior officials, and the parents of the graduates.

Visiting dignitaries

KUWAIT'S Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Abdullah Al Rqoba received at his office today the Pakistani minister for labour and manpower, along with the delegation accompanying him on his visit to the country.

The meeting was attended by the Pakistani ambassador to Kuwait and Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Abdullah Gloum.

Expats can own houses

KUWAITI law does not prohibit non-Kuwaitis from owning flats or houses provided approval of relevant authorities has been obtained, according to a senior Kuwaiti official.

Minister of Finance, Jassem Al Khorafi, denied any linkage between the issue of permanent residence of non-Kuwaitis and the ownership of residential accommodation. He added that the Council of Ministers reviews all such applications within the framework of regulations.

Khorafi, commenting on the decision of the Civil Service Commission to offer allowances instead of free accommodation to some public servants, said this decision will in no way affect the real estate market.

The official said that the Ministry of Finance deals with only 100 landlords, whereas real estate market dealings are spread amongst about 5,000 landlords.

The decision of the Civil Service Commission to provide allowances instead of free accommodation will tend to create a healthier real estate market as public servants will be an added source of customers in this market, he said.



Prince Mut'eb visits housing project.

201,440 traffic cases in 1988

321 deaths

THERE were a total of 201,440 traffic offences committed in Kuwait last year, according to a senior traffic official.

Addressing a function held yesterday at the SAS Hotel to honour GCC policemen on the occasion of the GCC Traffic Week, Director-General of the General Traffic Department Brigadier Fuad Musaed Al Saleh said that 34 per cent of registered vehicles violated traffic rules and 29 per cent of the drivers in Kuwait were cited for traffic offences last year.

He said that there were 321 deaths and 2,575 injuries as a result of the 18,378 traffic accidents during 1988. These accidents also involved major material damage, the cost of which is estimated in a research study by the department in co-operation with the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (KISR) at KD129 million in one year.

The results of such wide-scale traffic surveys are the basis for appraising the efficiency and feasibility of traffic work related activities. Based on these studies, special plans are being drawn up to reduce traffic accidents and the resultant social and economic damage. These efforts need the positive support of the public, Saleh said.

He added that the activities of the GCC Traffic Week were aimed at further consolidating inter-GCC co-operation in the field of traffic, and developing the co-ordination of executive steps in this direction.

The official attached great significance to traffic rules, and said that it strongly reflects the stage of civilised development of a given society in aspiring towards

an accident-free traffic society. The GCC Traffic Week function was attended by Major General Yousef Al Khorafi, an undersecretary at the Ministry of the Interior, GCC ambassadors to Kuwait, and a number of dignitaries and high ranking officials.

The GCC traffic delegation participating in the GCC Traffic Week activities visited the Ministry of Information computer centre yesterday. Col Fahd Khaled Al Mukhlid, the director of the centre, told the guests that responsibilities assigned to the staff are intended to keep pace with advanced countries in this field.

The guests also visited the General Department of Criminal Evidence where they were received by the department's director Col Saoud Aziz Al Barjes, who briefed the guests on its functional assignments.

Speaking on the transport scene in Kuwait, Abdul Wahab Al Haroon, the chairman and managing director at Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC), said the company operates a fleet of 2,583 vehicles with a complement of 5,633 employees.

He said that KPTC provides collective transport through route networks covering all the country's areas through 56 routes. The company carried 119 million passengers on 739 vehicles along a 76 million kilometre route during 1988, he said.

Additionally, the company has contracted to provide transport services to various ministries and public institutions as well as providing convoys for Haj pilgrims.

OICC to hold reception

Airport tax hike resented

THE Overseas Indians' Cultural Congress (OICC) has complained about the 200 per cent airport tax hike in India, in a memorandum addressed to the Indian prime minister, and submitted to Mrs Rachel Sunny Panavelli, a former Kerala assembly member, who is visiting Kuwait.

It said the "200 per cent hike in airport tax is vindictive" and "unbearable." The tax is levied on all passengers, including children under 12, leaving India by air.

The OICC has also urged Indian planners to take measures to "rehabilitate Indians returning from the Gulf." Other issues raised by the group include high air fares, revision of the present customs and baggage allowance for Indians, and Air-India



Mrs Rachel Sunny Panavelli services.

The OICC will hold a public reception today for Mrs Panavelli at the Indian embassy hall at 7.30 pm. Mrs Sudha Gupta, the president of a ladies club, will address the gathering.

All expatriate Americans must file

Taxman in Kuwait to help US citizens

Everyone has to file. "They assume, because they're working abroad, that they don't have to file. That's not true," Wilcox explained.

"They all have to file to get the \$70,000 exemption." Most expatriates believe they don't have to pay US income tax if they're living and working abroad, Wilcox continued. But, he added, they are still subject to the same tax laws as all US citizens and resident aliens.

To start with, taxpayers living abroad must prove that they have a legitimate claim to file for the foreign earned income exclusion.

The taxpayer must either pass a "physical presence" test or prove that he is a bona fide resident of a foreign country for a full tax year.

To qualify under the physical presence test a person must prove that he has been outside of the United States for at least 330

days during any 12 month period. All resident aliens applying for the foreign earned income exclusion must pass the physical presence test.

US citizens have the choice of using that test or the bona fide residence test to their advantage. To qualify under the bona fide residence test a person must be a legal resident of a foreign country for an uninterrupted period that includes a complete tax year.

Under this category, US citizens are not limited on how much time they can spend in the country.

Taxpayers who qualify under one of these categories are entitled to the foreign-earned income exclusion. They must still, however, file form 1040 in addition to form 2555.

Wilcox explained that individuals are responsible for paying taxes on all types of income.

Salary is the most obvious form of income, but if an employer provides housing, transportation, tuition for children or home-leave airline tickets, those items are considered income as well. Taxpayers must claim those perks as profits and report them to the IRS accordingly.

All profit made from investment is also taxable. Those earnings are not considered part of the foreign income, and, therefore can not be included in the \$70,000 that is allowed tax free.

Wilcox pointed out that money transferred into the United States from abroad is not taxable.

"The United States does not tax capital, it taxes income," he said. The tax money is due by April 15 even if a person has filed for an extension to complete the paperwork, Wilcox said.

Mut'eb praises design Saudi prince inspects Rabia project

KUWAIT, March 28. (KUNA): Saudi Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Mut'eb Bin Abdul Aziz yesterday inspected the government Rabia Housing Project, which he described as an accomplishment that all Arab Gulf countries can be proud of.

The Saudi prince, in a statement to KUNA, particularly praised the design of the project and hoped that it would be copied by other members of the GCC.

Mut'eb was accompanied by Kuwaiti State Minister for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan, the Saudi Ambassador to Kuwait Sheikh Abdulla

Bin Abdul Aziz Al Sedeiri and senior officials of the Kuwaiti National Housing Authority.

Mut'eb who arrived in Kuwait two days ago, said such an exchange of visits would strengthen fraternal ties and cooperation between the two sides through consultations and exchange of expertise.

The Saudi minister, accompanied by Roudhan, later headed for Ahmadi where they were received by Governor Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem and senior officials of the governorate.

Mut'eb toured the exhibit of the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC)

which portrays the growth of the oil industry in Kuwait.

The Ahmadi governor later hosted the Saudi prince to lunch at the KOC club.

Previously HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah had hosted a dinner banquet on Monday evening at Shaab Palace in honour of the visiting Saudi minister.

The earlier function was attended by sheikhs, ministers, members of the accompanying Saudi delegation, the kingdom's ambassador to Kuwait and senior staff of the National Housing Authority.

New plan to cope with large-scale disasters

LONDON, March 28. (KUNA) Kuwait is developing "a disaster plan" which will enable its hospitals to cope with injuries on a large scale, according to a specialised magazine here Tuesday.

The London-based Middle-East Health said that the plan will enhance other national emergency services and procedures for implementing it.

The new measures will make the nationwide emergency services in Kuwait complete and highly efficient, the monthly publication added.

Initially some seven years ago the plan was the task of the Chief of Ambulance, Abdul Rida Al Abbas.

He began by liaising with public authorities primarily the Ministry of Health and the police, it added.

The magazine also suggested that Abbas has "modelled" the country's disaster response on "the well established programme at centres in the US."

But it also recalled that in the last few years the national emergency services have grown to include transport, helicopter support, telemedicine devices, two-way telephones, long range bleeps, and contingency plans for evacuating hospitals and using clinics.

In Kuwait, the first batch of civil defence volunteers today tested their capabilities by taking part in an artificial rescue operation following a planned collapse of a several-storey building which caught fire later on.

The artificial disaster was organised in the densely populated Hawally area where 250 volunteers from civil defence took part.

Meanwhile, Minister of the Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said today Kuwait is living a state of political and security stability under the leadership of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier and citizens are enjoying the grace of justice and equality.

During his meeting on Monday evening with the first batch of civil defence volunteers, Sheikh Salem greeted the group who willingly volunteered to serve their homeland and the security of their people.

Medication mix-up Detergent kills patient

By Salem Al Wawan

A JORDANIAN national identified as Adel, who was admitted to Jahra Hospital for treatment of acute diarrhoea, expired due to being mistakenly administered a chemical detergent, according to the daily Al Seyassah.

The daily said that 50-year-old Adel, married with four children, was admitted to the hospital's general medicine clinic on March 11 and registered under file No. 00492259.

The daily added that the attending physician diagnosed the case and prescribed the necessary medicine to be brought from the hospital pharmacy. As there was considerable delay in the arrival of the medicine, the physician himself went to bring the medication.

On his way to the pharmacy, he met a cleaning

labourer carrying a bottle. The physician asked the labourer if it was the medicine and on receiving a reply in the affirmative, took the bottle and administered the contents to the patient. The bottle contained cleaning detergent.

Immediately, the patient's colour changed to blue and he was rushed to the intensive care unit where it was diagnosed that the patient died because of heart problems, respiratory disorder and kidney failure. The patient expired on March 26 at 12.30 pm.

A non-criminal case has been recorded at Jahra police station under file number 64/1989. The body of the deceased has been referred to the authorities for post mortem.

Sources said that the doctor had been suspended and referred to the Health Ministry's investigative office.

All senior government officials are Kuwaitis

UNTIL recently there were no plans or policies formulated for administrative development in the GCC states, and in this respect the year 1985 marks the beginning of the process in this direction, according to an official at Kuwait University.

Dr Nassef Abdul Khaleq, professor at the Kuwait University Faculty of Commerce speaking at a lecture on administrative development in the GCC states said that 100 per cent of the senior officials in Kuwait's public sector are Kuwaitis, followed by 84 per cent in the UAE, 80 per cent in Bahrain and 35 per cent in Qatar.

Khaleq added that some GCC states had successfully experimented with administrative applications specially tailored to their individual needs. He cited Oman as an example where Omani nationals have borne the cost of some services since the reduction in oil income from 62 per cent in 1980 to 47 per cent in 1985. These charges increased from 48 million Omani riyals in 1980 to 180 million riyals in 1985.

Kuwait has taken some time to develop pragmatic methods and set up administrative bodies in 1986 to address this issue, Khaleq said.

He went on to state that there are some environmental and social hurdles that hinder administrative development in the GCC states, such as: imbalance in population and manpower between nationals and expatriates; weak economic abilities to achieve development; difference between educational programmes and actual needs of the local market; dependence on oil revenues as the main source of income; poor productivity with increased costs of production; over-consumption; weak participation of citizens and expatriates in their respective national economies; and unsound development plans and policies.

ROPME meets Efforts to remove mines

KUWAIT, March 28. (KUNA): Official commissioners empowered to sign a draft regime related to maritime pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf met here Tuesday.

Deputy executive secretary of the Regional Organisation for Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME) Dr Badriya Al Awadi said in an opening address the purpose of the meeting is to review the three proposed texts of the protocol in English, Arabic and Farsi.

Al Awadi said the achievement of such a protocol would boost efforts by the countries of

the region and ROPME in maintaining the maritime environment against pollution caused by exploring and exploiting the continental shelf in the sea area.

Meanwhile, ecological experts called for removal of all sunken ships and other objects that endanger the marine environment.

ROPME sources said according to data obtained by the organisation from Lloyds, the number of ships sunk in regional waters is 24.

The organisation's meetings here on Thursday is aimed at defining the non-international ships sunk in the Gulf waters,



Symposium on road safety

DR Dieter Dieckmann, a director at Daimler-Benz AG, arrived in Kuwait on Sunday to deliver the keynote address at a symposium on Road Safety today.

After having worked four years with the Max-Planck Institute in Dortmund, Dr Dieckmann started his career with Daimler-Benz in 1958, when he joined the research department of the passenger car factory in Sindelfingen.

Being one of the most renowned specialists in the field of vehicle and road safety, Dr Dieckmann holds professorships at two leading German universities and is a member of several domestic and international advisory committees. He has come to Kuwait to give a special lecture on car and road safety during a symposium which will be patronised by Minister of the Interior Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah.

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Waiting game

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON, (AP): Terry Anderson is two weeks into his fifth year as a hostage in Beirut and business is proceeding about as usual, which means that none is evident.

For the hostages, business as usual means only waiting. Now that the four-year anniversary observances are over, the hostage issue is back on the shelf, an agonizing, frustrating riddle in which nine Americans are held captive and silent by Muslim extremists who are themselves silent most of the time.

After a Washington ceremony on the Anderson anniversary date, March 16, there were going to be commemorative yellow ribbons on display around Congress, and a resolution seeking action to end the hostage ordeal, although no specific step was or could be proposed.

Neither yellow ribbons to recall the captives nor resolutions are in evidence. Not that they would change the situation, but it has dragged now to the point at which symbols become substitutes for acts no one has been able to devise.

President George Bush suggested as he took office two months ago that moves by Iran to assist the hostages, to establish contact and help gain their release, would be a significant step toward a time of better relations with the United States.

There was no response. He has said no more on the subject. That is the standstill into which Jesse Jackson now proposes to move with a renewed humanitarian campaign for the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon. Fifteen are known to be held, nine of them Americans.

Jackson said they shouldn't be left out of mind because they are out of sight.

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, has been held longer than any other hostage. He and Jackson became acquainted when Anderson covered the release of Navy Lieut Robert Goodman, a downed flier held for a month by the Syrians. Jackson went to Damascus to appeal for Goodman's release and to escort him home.

He said he would go back to the Middle East now to work for the release of Anderson and the others if he had leads, contacts and indications such a mission would help.

First, he said, there should be a humanitarian appeal in messages on radio, on television and in Lebanese newspaper advertisements. He said he is looking for sponsors to finance that effort.

"In Lebanon, the captors are basically nameless and faceless," he said in an interview at his Chicago headquarters. "Therefore the appeal has to be broad-based appeal to religious and political leaders and others who care."

The black civil rights activist and two-time Democratic presidential candidate said such appeals were making headway and might have succeeded in 1985, but were undercut by the US government arms deals with Iran.

Two American hostages were freed during the arms dealings. Jackson invited the interview on his projected renewal of public appeals in Lebanon for release of the hostages. He said private appeals can work. "We should not interfere with the government in its efforts," Jackson said. "But the government's efforts are both modest and ineffective."

He acknowledged that he doesn't know what efforts the Bush administration is planning or making for the hostages.

Humanitarian appeals have been made before, and have failed before. Indeed, one of the men who made them, Terry Waite, envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, was himself kidnapped on Jan 20, 1987, and remains hostage.

The captors, after all, are no humanitarians.

But Jackson said they cannot operate without the tacit support, or at least acquiescence, of the society around them.

Preferring martial law

By Peter Humphrey

BELGRADE, (Reuters): Ethnic Albanians are rioting in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province in a last-ditch effort to prevent Serbian rule and provoke martial law as the lesser of two evils, Western and Yugoslav analysts said.

On Monday a curfew was ordered after riots erupted in major towns in the southern province and two policemen were shot dead. Riot police fired automatic rifles as helicopters dropped tear-gas. Some battles raged into the night.

Tanks and troops, deployed in Kosovo under limited emergency measures declared last month to end a general strike, were sent to at least one town in a show of force.

"It looks like a desperate attempt by Albanians to force the state presidency to declare martial law in Kosovo," said one Yugoslav political analyst.

"Martial law would be the lesser of two evils in the eyes of many Albanians. They would prefer that rather than to be ruled by Serbia," a Western diplomatic analyst said.

Last Thursday Kosovo's Parliament adopted curbs on the province's autonomy within Serbia, the largest of the six Yugoslav republics, in what some Albanians dubbed a shotgun wedding.

The changes, due to be proclaimed as law on Tuesday, give Serbia control of Kosovo's police, courts, civil defence and official appointments plus a free hand to make further inroads.

An ethnic Albanian intellectual said Albanians fear massive repression and persecution by Serbian police and that they would feel a measure of protection if the Army took over.

"The Albanians no longer have anything to lose, and the latest riots are their last-ditch effort to stop the Serbs," said another Yugoslav analyst. "They may even resort to guerrilla warfare or terrorism."

Kosovo's 1.7 million Albanians outnumber Serbs there by eight to one. Kosovo Serbs accuse Albanians of terrorising them and of seeking to join the province to neighbouring Albania.

Martial law was imposed in Kosovo in April 1981 after separatist riots with an official death toll of nine. Political institutions were suspended and the province was sealed off.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1629 — Edict of restitution of church property in Germany, whereby all property secularized since Peace of Augsburg (1555) is restored to Catholic Church.
- 1792 — Sweden's King Gustavus III is assassinated.
- 1801 — Britain seizes Danish and Swedish islands in West Indies.
- 1830 — Spain's King Ferdinand VII passes law allowing females to be heirs to throne.
- 1849 — Britain annexes Punjab in India by treaty with Maharajah of Lahore.
- 1864 — Ionian Islands are ceded by Britain to Greece.
- 1946 — New constitution in Gold Coast, which becomes first British African colony with majority of Africans in legislature.
- 1947 — National revolt against France in Madagascar begins.
- 1951 — Chinese government rejects US offer for truce discussions in Korea.
- 1967 — France launches its first nuclear submarine.
- 1972 — Government of Bolivia orders 119 members of Soviet embassy staff to leave country — accusing embassy of financing leftist rebel movements.
- 1973 — Last American troops leave South Vietnam, ending direct military role of United States in Vietnam war.
- 1977 — US and Soviet negotiators, meeting in Moscow, agree to set up committees to seek solutions to several arms control and diplomatic problems.
- 1988 — Bomb planted in jeep kills at least four Soviets in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Boost to Saudi-Iraq ties

By Lee Stokes

MANAMA, Bahrain, (UPI): Saudi Arabia's growing concern about Iran appears to have persuaded the kingdom to brush aside earlier reservations about aiding the post-war economic recovery of Iraq.

Any second thoughts King Fahd might have had on bankrolling Iraq in the aftermath of last year's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war apparently vanished after his weekend visit to Baghdad, the first visit by a Saudi monarch in nearly 30 years.

The move which perhaps more than anything else epitomised the new relationship was Monday's signing of a non-aggression pact between the two Arab states.

The pact stipulates "non-interference in the two countries' internal affairs and banning the use of force between the two countries," according to Iraq's official news agency.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein made no bones about the debt his country owed Saudi Arabia for its aid during the eight-year Gulf war. He publicly admitted for the first time that Riyadh not only helped finance Iraq's war machine but also allowed the Saudi Red Sea port of Al Qazam to be used to transship to Baghdad military and other supplies from France and the Soviet Union.

Fahd pledged to foot a sizable chunk of the multi-billion dollar bill for reconstructing Iraq's battered southern port city of Basra. He also promised to bankroll reconstruction of an Iraqi nuclear reactor which Israeli planes destroyed during a 1981 bombing raid.

During the Gulf war, Saudi Arabia suppressed concern that Hussein was seeking to turn Iraq into a regional superpower, but last summer's UN-negotiated ceasefire resurrected old Gulf Arab fears.

However, seven months after the cessation of hostilities, Iraq remains buried under a crippling war debt and a war-shattered economy.

For a while, Saudi contacts with moderates in the Iranian leadership looked promising for restoring relations which the kingdom severed last April. Two Gulf allies, Kuwait and Bahrain, rushed to restore diplomatic ties with Tehran in a move also seen as playing off Iran against Iraq.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid meantime said the royal visit would have a positive impact in pushing ahead peace in the Middle East and reaching a just solution to the Palestinian issue.

Abdel Meguid said the visit carries special weight at this stage of the Palestinian conflict, during which promoting Arab solidarity is needed.

Other officials have said the talks between Fahd and President Hosni Mubarak would also deal with the situation in Lebanon and the Gulf, with particular emphasis on bilateral Egyptian-Saudi economic co-operation.

Mubarak earlier in the day appealed to the international community and Arab world to put an end to what he described as "the massacres being committed in Lebanon."

Fahd hailed Egyptian-Saudi ties and said collective efforts were needed to face intrigues and plots against Islam but did not elaborate.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (right) receiving King Fahd on his arrival in Cairo.

Tradition and modernism

King Fahd a pragmatist

By John Fullerton

CAIRO, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, who arrived in Egypt on Monday on a three-day tour, has been steering the kingdom into the modern world, since he assumed power.

He has ruled the world's biggest oil-exporting nation for nearly seven years with a steady pragmatism that weaves together the traditions of the desert with the faith of the Muslim ulama and Western-style development.

King Fahd's modest public manner and calm exterior have so far helped him preserve Saudi Arabia's leading role in the Arab world and enhance his ruling family's status at home.

It is Fahd's first visit to Egypt as king. He arrived from Baghdad, where he set his seal on a non-aggression pact with Iraq's President Saddam Hussein.

Diplomats say the king's Arab tour has special significance as Egypt and Iraq re-emerge to compete for leadership of an Arab world that has been largely under Saudi influence for a decade.

Egypt has returned to the Arab mainstream 10 years after it was ostracised for breaking Arab ranks and signing a peace treaty with Israel.

Iraq's Saddam has emerged from eight years of war against Iran with the Arab world's strongest military machine and a desire to reassert his coun-

try's stature as a key regional power.

The Riyadh-Baghdad, non-aggression pact was apparently designed to alleviate Gulf Arab concerns.

Diplomats say Fahd is pursuing a more active foreign policy aimed at healing Arab schisms and preventing the Arab world from fragmenting into rival blocs competing for influence.

One new group formally established last month joins Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen while another unites five North African states.

Fahd Ibn Abdulaziz, 66, took over the reigns of government on June 13, 1982, on the death of his half-brother King Khalid to become the fifth sovereign of a state founded by his father, Abdulaziz Ibn Saud.

All his political skills were needed at the outset. Saudi Arabia faced a global glut that depressed oil prices, squeezing the kingdom's massive development projects.

In October 1986 he showed a tough streak when he abruptly fired Ahmed Zaki Yamani as oil minister after Yamani had served in that tricky post for 24 years.

Oil prices plummeted that year from over \$30 a barrel to below \$10 at one point, slashing the kingdom's revenue.

Politics in Turkey
Radicals gaining

By Victor L. Simpson

ANKARA, (AP): Encouraged by a loosening of the military's hand and with help from neighbouring Iran, Islamic fundamentalists are gaining confidence and making political inroads in Turkey.

In Sunday's nation-wide local elections, the Prosperity Party, a fundamentalist political organisation, won 10 per cent of the vote and captured more mayorships than Premier Turgut Ozal's Motherland Party.

Prosperity, barred from running in local elections five years ago, shot up from 7.5 per cent of the vote it won in the 1987 general elections.

Fundamentalism is an extremely delicate issue in this country which, although overwhelmingly Islamic, has maintained a secular system decreed by Kemal Ataturk, founder of the modern Turkish republic in the 1920s.

While few see any dangers of an Islamic revolution of the type that swept Iran, there is concern that religious extremists could disrupt Turkey's plans to integrating with Western nations.

Prosperity, for example, opposes Turkey's membership in the Atlantic alliance and Turkey's bid to join the European Economic Community. It says that with EEC membership "we would lose our Muslim identity in the sea of infidels."

Turkey's powerful generals, who have considered it their duty to defend the Ataturk tradition, cracked down on the fundamentalists after seizing power in a coup in 1980.

A new constitution drawn up before they handed back power to civilians in 1983 expressly bans Islamic law, or sharia, that the fundamentalists had been demanding.

But during their rule of three years, the military did nothing to stop the mushrooming of religious schools and the proselytizing by several fundamentalist sects. The generals apparently wanted Islam as an antidote to leftist ideologies that had spawned the wave of terrorism in the 1970s.

The issue of fundamentalism took a critical turn during the election campaign when the constitutional court forbade female students from wearing traditional Muslim headcoverings on university campuses.

Hundreds of students and their supporters staged demonstrations in Turkey's major cities. Some of the protesters wore black head-to-toe chadors.

Premier Ozal, who combines devotion to Islam with westward yearnings, expressed sympathy with the students' demands.

Amid rumours that the military was growing increasingly impatient, Turkey's top general, Necip Torumtay, took the unusual step of declaring the Army's loyalty to Turkish democracy.

Turkey has been angered by Iranian protests over the court ban on headcoverings. It has warned Iran not to meddle in its internal affairs. In retaliation, Iran has threatened to reduce its imports from Turkey, according to a report Monday in the English-language Turkish daily news quoting unidentified treasury officials. Turkey has been hoping to get a share of reconstruction contracts in Iran following the ceasefire last August that ended eight years of war with Iraq.

Turkey also recently expressed displeasure over the spreading of Iranian religious pamphlets by Iran's consul-general in the city of Erzurum, in Turkey's rural east near the Iranian border.

In that area, the Prosperity Party won about 20 per cent of the vote in some cities.

The headcovering issue is being used as a springboard to an Islamic revolution. It won't remain there but will spring to other issues as well. Ahmet Yucukok, a political science professor and a leading authority on religion in Turkey, said in a recent interview with Cunes newspaper. "There is provocation from Iran. Iran is behind the fundamentalists as a state with money and agents. But our social structure is very different from Iran, it is not easy here," he said, pointing to the far more pluralistic nature of Turkish society.

Islam has flourished under democracy more than during the 27 years of single party rule after the establishment of the republic in 1923. Politicians apparently have seen the need to plug for the religious vote.

In the past decade, there has been a sharp increase in the building of new mosques, mosque attendance and the number of religious schools. The majority of Muslims in Turkey are Sunni, as opposed to Shiites in Iran.

Gencay Saylan, the author of a book in Islamic revival, attributed the strong showing by the Prosperity Party both to the furor over the headcovering controversy as well as general discontent with Ozal's Motherland Party.

"Some of that vote usually goes to the large conservative parties in general elections," he said. "This election is a real breakthrough for them (Prosperity)," he said in a telephone interview.

Press review

A strong front

ABU DHABI, (KUNA): A United Arab Emirates (UAE) daily commented editorially on a statement by Jordan's King Hussein indicating that members of the newly formed Arab Co-operation Council will attend a future Arab summit only if Egypt is also invited.

The paper said the statement besides reflecting Arab solidarity has a "strong symbolic value," as it came on the anniversary of the controversial Camp David treaty.

"King Hussein's remarks — in a way reminded the Arab world that it must formally readmit Egypt to its fold in order to strengthen the Arab front against Israel," it said.

"They also categorically reflected Egypt's shift away from (former Egyptian President Sadat's) policy of negotiating separate peace with Israel," it added.

The paper however, pointed out the Arab League has yet to admit Egypt back into the fold which is "apparently coming in the way of holding a long-pending regular Arab summit in Saudi Arabia."

Soviet elections delight reformers and shake a monolith

By Robert Evans

MOSCOW, (Reuters): "My country," said the Soviet Union's best-loved poet, Andrei Voznessensky, "after this can never be the same again."

Magazine editor Anatoly Belyayev said: "What we've seen is the beginning of really important changes, and in the direction of genuine political pluralism."

As Moscow Television on Monday night revealed to watching millions the news of rebel communist Boris Yeltsin's crushing election victory, their optimism seemed well-placed.

Even so, as reports poured in from the Baltics and the Ukraine of party and local dignitaries once so sure of their power falling to upstart opponents with minds of their own, there was a sense of the unreal in the air.

After all, this was the state where for almost 70 years — according to official dogma — the party and people were one in monolithic unity and there was no

need for choice.

But in Leningrad voters rejected the party's two top leaders, including Kremlin politburo member Yuri Solovov.

In Moscow Mayor Valery Saikin tumbled to defeat while around the capital outspoken candidates condemning official abuse and incompetence swept home.

In one district a 32-year-old physicist who has argued for a multi-party system crushed the local party chief. In another historian Roy Medvedev, for years officially labelled an anti-Soviet slanderer, came top of the poll.

In Kiev two top aides to the Ukraine's powerful communist leader Vladimir Shcherbitsky failed to win even though they had no opposing candidates.

Voters there — as in other old-style "no choice" constituencies — either crossed out their names or simply stayed away from the polls, depriving them of the minimum 50 per cent of the registered electorate they needed.

In the Ukrainian city of Zhitomir, cam-

paigning woman journalist Alla Yaroshinskaya took 90 per cent of the vote despite, or perhaps because of, the bitter opposition to her candidacy from the republic's party.

"Everything is changing before our eyes in this fantastic world," said science fiction writer Igor Mozheiko. "It seems to me that we've slipped into another dimension and we're seeing the Soviet Union as it might have been," said a young intellectual. "I hope no-one wakes me up."

Voznessensky, like most Russian poets as much a political figure as the politicians, took a sweeping view.

"We in the intelligentsia always saw ourselves as the symbol of democracy and thought that the people weren't ready for it. But the joyful thing about all this is that in many ways it has proved us wrong."

"What has happened shows the strength of the people, that they are just a crowd but have a developing democratic sense."

Did Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev plan it this way when he cajoled his politburo colleagues into a political reform that broke away from the pattern of decades and provided for multi-candidate elections?

And did he expect the Soviet people to display such a massive commitment to his own "new thinking" in voting for the new-style parliament at the centre of the reform?

Gorbachev, it would seem, could hardly welcome the emergence of his former protégé Yeltsin in the effective role of leader of the opposition in the new legislature, the 2,250-seat Congress of People's Deputies.

The record showed Gorbachev himself was seething in his dismissal of Yeltsin as a political illiterate and careerist.

Only a few days ago, the party's central committee published the record of its October 1987 meeting when the top leaders rounded bitterly on Yeltsin for calling for faster reform.

But on Sunday, after casting his own vote, the Kremlin leader was philoso-

phical. The main force in his "perestroika" programme, he told reporters, was the Soviet people.

"And even if not everyone is pleased by the outcome of the elections — well, there is nothing that can be done about it. The master of the country has spoken."

Yeltsin, delighted with his own 89 per cent vote against an opponent backed strongly by the Moscow city party, had no doubt what the result meant.

It would, he said, make it essential for the leadership to decide soon to launch into a more radical version of "perestroika" — economic restructuring, sweeping aside conservative resistance.

For Belyayev, who edits the free-wheeling monthly 20th Century and Peace, the message of the voting was not so different. "We've seen ebbs and flows in the past three or four years — like a tug of war with the rope being pulled in one direction and then the other."

"But now in these last days I have the feeling that we're on the winning team, that the perestroika people are winning out and not the conservatives after all."

Muslim challenge unwelcome to main Tunisian opposition

By Jonathan Wright

TUNIS, (Reuters): Tunisia's main opposition party is openly dismayed by a third force which has sprung up to split the vote in parliamentary elections next Sunday.

Ahmed Mestiri, leader of the Mouvement des Democraties Socialistes (MDS), made clear in an interview that he had wanted a straight contest with the ruling Rassemblement Constitutionnel Democratique (RCD).

Mestiri, 63, a former justice and defence minister, had hoped the elections would be his chance to convert 10 years of fruitless campaigning into solid political gains.

But members of the country's influential Islamic movement are standing as independents in 20 of the 25 electoral regions.

"The proliferation of opposition lists and independent lists indirectly benefits the RCD and the voting system doesn't help the opposition at all," Mestiri said.

He has seen the ruling party turn its attention to the Islamic challenge, as though this threat to its domination of Parliament was greater than that from his party.

"The RCD, in its election campaigning, has not missed an opportunity to speak of Islam, of Muslim values and the virtues of faith," said the independent Tunis weekly Hebdo in an analysis of the phenomenon.

Mestiri, who co-founded the MDS in 1978 and waited five years for legal recognition, said the government made a mistake in withholding

recognition of the Islamic movement as a political party before the elections.

An Islamic party, the Nahdha (Renaissance) movement, applied for formal recognition in February but has not yet received a reply from the authorities.

"I am worried about the range of these independent lists... The risk is that they might sweep up not only the votes for the Nahdha movement but also the votes of extremists who would contest the very same movement," Mestiri said.

Mestiri, whose party differs from the RCD mainly over the extent of democratisation in Tunisia, said he was nevertheless confident that at least some of his candidates would reach the 141-seat Chamber of Deputies.

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Party stalwarts ousted by Soviets

Embarrassment for Gorbachev

MOSCOW, March 28, (Agencies): Voters casting ballots in the first multi-candidate elections in 70 years have stunningly rejected the status quo in the Soviet Union's most populous areas latest returns show.

Moscow's mayor, its No.2 Communist Party leader, five regional party chairmen in the Ukraine, and the Communist Party chiefs in Leningrad and Kiev were rejected by voters. The elections on Sunday were for representatives to the new Congress of People's Deputies devised by reform-minded Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.



Watered down

A Polish youth drenches a policeman on Easter Monday in a re-enactment of an ancient custom.

Brzezinski's analysis

Communism is dying

By Thomas Ginsberg

NEW YORK, March 28, (AP): When the history of the 20th century is written, Zbigniew Brzezinski is sure the chapter on communism will read like an obituary. So sure that the former White House policy-maker already has it written.

"(There) is no doubt that we are all witnesses to an event of fundamental importance," Brzezinski said in a recent interview about his new book, *The Grand Failure: the birth and death of communism in the twentieth century*.

"This century to all of us, in different ways, was dominated by communism. Communism defined the philosophical debate, communism was the source of the cold war — the challenge. And that is now fading," said Brzezinski, national security advisor to former president Jimmy Carter.

Reviewers across the spectrum have praised the work. It was listed No. 9 on the Washington Post bestseller list last Sunday after less than three weeks in bookstores.

Even president George Bush is reading the book, according to Brzezinski. But the Polish-born scholar, who serves on Bush's independent foreign intelligence advisory board, wouldn't say how his views are influencing Bush's long-running foreign policy review.

"When an ideology ceases to motivate people, when it is discredited, when it is no longer a source for policy — it is dying, and that is what is happening. That's a momentous change," he said.

Brzezinski, who is credited with helping normalise US-Chinese relations in the late 1970s, says the failure of the communist command economy is at the heart of the ideology's failure.

The Congress will meet just once a year to elect a president and a fraction of its own membership to a full-time legislature, the Supreme Soviet.

Officials at the central election commission in Moscow, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Yuri Solov'yev, a candidate member of the ruling party Politburo, was defeated in Leningrad.

Solov'yev, the regional party chief in Leningrad, lost even though he had no competition in Leningrad's Nevsky district, failing to receive the support of 50 per cent of the voters.

Election officials said two full Politburo members, Ukrainian party leader Vladimir V. Scherbitsky and President Vitaly I. Vorotnikov of the Russian republic, won seats for which they ran unopposed, as did the Premier of the Russian republic, Alexander V. Vlasov, a candidate Politburo member.

As returns were reported, Boris N. Yeltsin left Moscow for a month's vacation after the overwhelming success of his anti-establishment candidacy for a seat in the 2,250 Congress of People's Deputies that presents all of the Soviet capital.

Received

Yeltsin received 89.4 per cent of the vote in Moscow, a city he ran as Communist Party chief until he was demoted in November 1987 for criticising the party's style of leadership and warning of a Stalin-like cult developing around Gorbachev.

But news of Yeltsin's victory was relegated to a small report at the foot of page two in the capital's party newspaper.

The national party daily Pravda reported Yeltsin's victory, but did not give his share of the vote.

The cursory references of Yeltsin's victory and absence of any commentaries appeared to suggest clearly that the party was seriously shaken by the scale of the defeats.

The voters' rejection of top local representatives to the national parliament does not mean they will lose their jobs in the party or government apparatus. But it was a serious embarrassment that could weaken their power base and eventually lead to their replacement.

Final turnout figures were not available, but figures from individual cities indicated it was high.

Voters did not get a chance to voice their opinion of Yeltsin's replacement as Moscow party boss, Politburo member Lev N. Zaikov. He, like Gorbachev and most other Politburo members, took one of the 100 seats allotted to the Communist Party in the congress.

But two other top Moscow officials who faced voters in the balloting on Sunday were rejected.

In Moscow's Lyublin region, voters rejected both Mayor Valery Saikin and his opponent, Nina Ageeva. Saikin received 42.5 per cent of the vote while only 24.8 per cent voted for Ageeva, the newspaper Moskovskaya Pravda reported.

Yuri Prokofiev, the city's Communist Party second secretary, received only 13.5 per cent of the vote in the Kuybyshev region, where Vladimir Markov, director of the Radio Communications institute, was elected, according to news reports.

Last night, Tass reported that Leningrad party leader Anatoly Gerasimov received only 15 per cent of the vote in a contest with a shipbuilder.

Diplomats said the rebuff to prominent party candidates in many areas stemmed from discontent with party mismanagement and corruption that has led to shortages of basic goods from food to shoes and signals an urgent need for internal party change.

China plays down election

PEKING, March 28, (Reuters): China's newspapers have largely ignored the Soviet Union's historic general elections and diplomats said Soviet-style voting would wreck social chaos here.

Among Peking's Chinese language papers only the People's Daily reported the elections — in a short, factual back-page article. The English language China Daily displayed a foreign news agency report on its front page.

Chinese have right to sue government

By William Kazer

PEKING, March 28, (Reuters): China's parliament on Tuesday introduced a bill that would let citizens sue their government, a move which legal specialists called an important step in establishing the rule of law.

But they said the bill, three years in preparation, fails to bar interference in the judicial system by the ruling Communist Party, a major disappointment to some law specialists.

"The formulation of this law is a big event in establishing China's legal system and a

significant step in advancing the nation's political democracy," said Wang Hanbin, vice chairman of the standing committee of the National People's Congress.

The draft law, which is approved could go into effect in April next year, was of great significance in protecting the rights of the citizens, said Wang.

It would allow citizens to sue the government to contest detention or fines as well as infringement of life or property, failing to fulfil administrative duties and the suspension of businesses or licences.

Suits related to matters of national defence

or foreign affairs would not be permitted. China has slowly begun reforming its legal system in recent years, setting a new constitution in 1982 and passing laws covering a broad range of areas from customs to patents and investment.

But lawyers say that its worst defect is the lack of independence of the judicial system as court decisions are too often determined by the interests of the Communist Party.

"This certainly is important," said Yu Haocheng, a noted legal specialist and deputy secretary-general of the Chinese law society.



Wang Hanbin, vice chairman of the National People's Congress.

Bush lawyer under fire

Public criticism of policy

By Terence Hunt

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): The White House has rebuked President George Bush's legal counsel for raising an embarrassing challenge to a new agreement with Congress on Central America, dismissing his complaint as groundless.

The legal counsel, C. Boyden Gray, had suggested that the accord dilutes the constitutional powers of the US president.

White House officials made clear that Gray had blundered by publicly criticizing a policy that Bush had endorsed.

Press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said White House chief of staff John Sununu met with Gray and had "a polite discussion

about how things work in the White House."

The episode marked the second time in two months that Gray had shed the traditional anonymity of the counsel's position to pose a challenge to Secretary of State James Baker, the chief architect of the Central America accord and one of the most powerful figures in the administration.

Gray ignited the latest controversy by telling the New York Times that the agreement Bush announced on Friday with Congress allows lawmakers to encroach too far on the constitutional powers of the president to conduct foreign affairs.

Super-quiet sub

A new Soviet Akula-class submarine, shown in this 1987 photo has military experts in the US worried. The sub has a top speed of 42 knots and experts believe it is super-quiet.

Lehman for arms control post

WASHINGTON, March 28, (AP): President George Bush will name a veteran national security official to an arms control post that became a focus of controversy under President Ronald Reagan. The White House has announced.

The announcement said Bush plans to nominate Ronald Frank Lehman II to be director of the Arms

Control and Disarmament Agency succeeding William F. Burns.

The arms control agency has usually been non-controversial, but became a storm centre when Reagan nominated Kenneth Adelman as its director after he took office in 1981.

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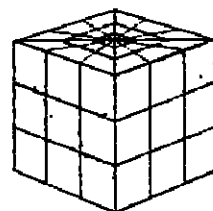
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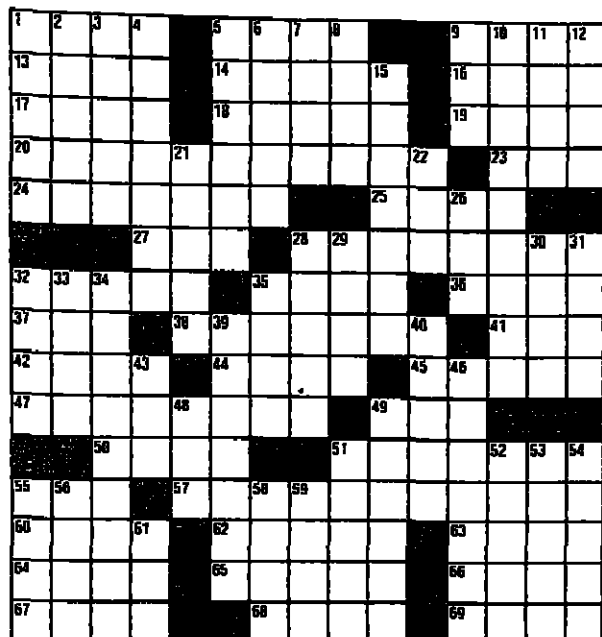
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠32 ♠A1093 ♠A65 ♠AQ83

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass ?

What do you respond?

A.—While you have the strength and distribution for a jump to two no trump, your prime values suggest that a suit contract might be better. Start a probe by bidding two clubs.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠32 ♠A1093 ♠A65 ♠AQ83

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—With only a single diamond stopper and one tenace, don't commit the hand to no trump yet. Just bid three hearts and see what partner does.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠32 ♠A1093 ♠A65 ♠AQ83

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—With only a single diamond stopper and one tenace, don't commit the hand to no trump yet. Just bid three hearts and see what partner does.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠72 ♠954 ♠KQ10953 ♠84

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A.—In the modern style, a jump shift response after a takeout double is preemptive, and this would be a perfect jump to three diamonds. If that weapon isn't in your arsenal, bid two diamonds. Since a strong hand would either redouble or jump, that must show a reasonable suit and little else.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you

hold:
♠762 ♠AK3 ♠954 ♠AQJ8

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A.—With only three-card support, don't jump raise partner's suit if there is any alternative—especially with such a balanced hand. Respond two clubs, then vigorously raise hearts next.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you

hold:
♠QJ9 ♠AJ6 ♠K1052 ♠KQ3

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

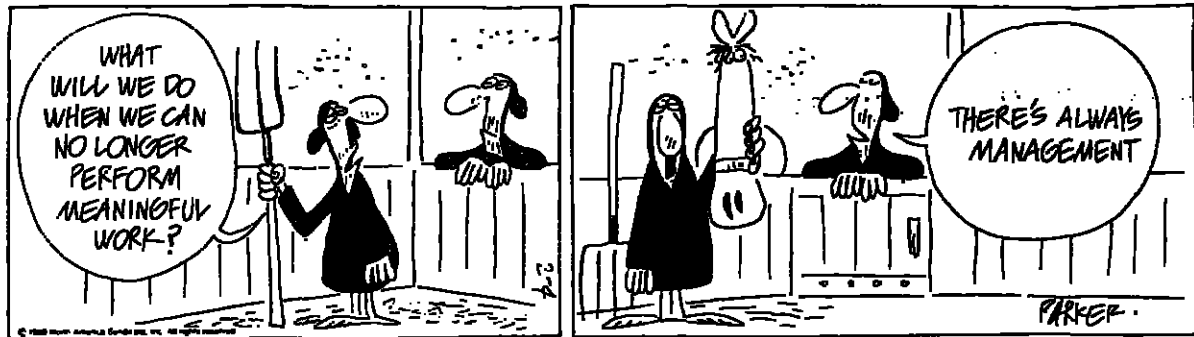
A.—With 16 high-card points, you can expect to make slam if partner is at the top of his range. You can issue an invitation by bidding four no trump. That's not Blackwood—to ask for aces you would use the Gerber Four Club Convention. You are simply asking partner to bid a slam if he has a maximum no trump opener.

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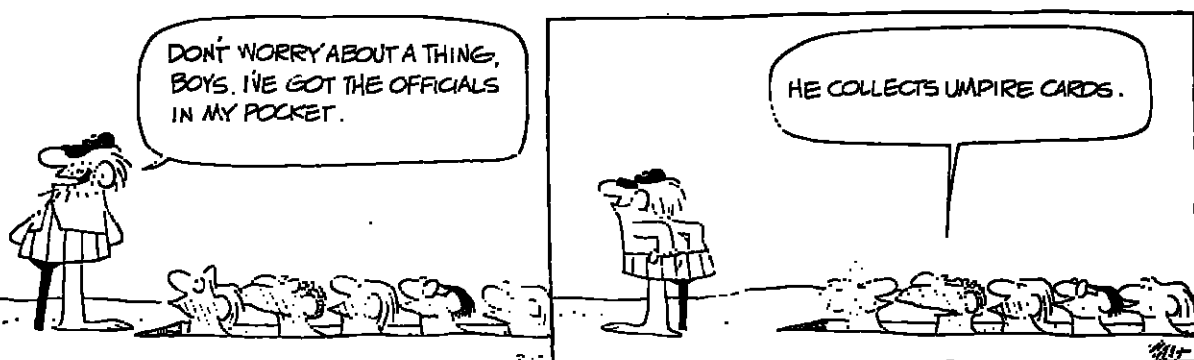
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 21 - April 18)

You should try to ensure you do not run out of enthusiasm. Do not linger too long over lunch and dinner. The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you feel more lethargic. Be more patient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should avoid living too much in the past. You are more liable to make mistakes so look out for them. Do not allow your emotions to run away with you. Be reliable.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will have plenty to do but you should just get on with it. The Moon's influence will help you to face up to your responsibilities. And Mars' influence will help you to clear up some confusion. Be tactful.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should avoid treating others as though they were beneath your dignity — they may do the same to you. The Moon's less favourable influence will tend to make you feel more nervous, but you will know how to cope. Keep your temper under better control.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

If you keep making mistakes do try another approach. Make sure you do not leave others in the dark about what you mean. There is no time to lose and you must conserve your energies too. Be trustworthy.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

Do not think that others will do exactly what you would like them to do. You will have something to be pleased about but that is no reason to relax your efforts. Make sure you do not eat so that you put on weight. Be magnanimous.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Something you have been learning will now seem a lot easier. You should make sure that you keep your expenses within reasonable limits. The Moon's better influence will help you to think more positively. Be sincere.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will have to be slightly more careful about your financial affairs. You should have a little more faith in yourself. Avoid acting on the spur of the moment. Be fair.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to keep away from controversial subjects. Make sure you do not allow anything to distract you. Jupiter's influence will help you to make the right move. Be alert.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

A small matter will take up more of your time than you would have liked. However you must still attend to essentials. Do not take everything quite literally. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 41. Be helpful.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should not act on hearsay nor should you believe all you hear. The Moon's influence will help you to face facts. You are liable to lose sight of your objectives, so beware. Be more optimistic.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will have to make a few assumptions but they will be shrewd ones. You should not dwell on gloomy thoughts. Try to avoid resentment and prejudice. Be generous.

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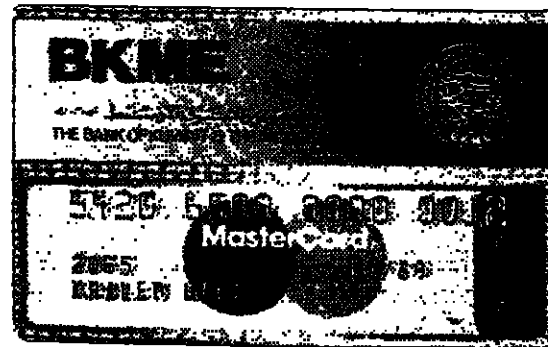
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Jeffrey Archer's life reads stranger than fiction

From politics to art, literature and back

By Ivor Davis

BEST-SELLING author Jeffrey Archer will soon pen his next book, which will detail the multimillion-dollar world of art trading, unless he gets an important telephone call.

Not just any caller can sabotage a guaranteed literary blockbuster. This one would come from Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain, who would ask Archer to serve in her next Cabinet.

"The prime minister will reshuffle her Cabinet in September," says Archer, 48. "The British papers are already speculating about what she'll offer me. She has been very good to me. Mary (Archer's wife) and I spent Christmas with her, but she (Thatcher) will never tell."

Archer is currently on a US publicity tour for his latest book *A Twist in the Tale* (Simon & Schuster), a collection of short stories that chronicle deceit, betrayal, espionage and class. Archer is at home bouncing from politics to art to literature and back with an aplomb that British politician and author Benjamin Disraeli (1804-81) might have envied.

At 29, with an Oxford education, Archer became the youngest Member of the British Parliament. Everyone agreed that the sky was the limit for young Archer, who would probably end up at No. 10 Downing St. But then came the fall. In 1974 he resigned in the wake of an investment scandal.

Did he attempt to do what decent Englishmen from time immemorial have done in such circumstances — discreetly shoot himself? Of course not. In 1976 he wrote *Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less*, a best-selling novel based on the world of international finance, and became an overnight sensation in both the United States and Britain.

His literary career flourished with such books as *Shall We Tell the President?* (1977), with a story line that focused on a plot to kill Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy; *Kane and Abel* (1980), which was turned into a 1988 mini-series starring Peter Strauss and Sam Neill; *The Prodigal Daughter* (1982), which chronicled the story of the first woman president of the United



At 48, Jeffrey Archer, millionaire novelist and former deputy chairman of Britain's Conservative Party has few worlds left to conquer... but he is still

hoping Mrs Thatcher will offer him a place in her cabinet.

Jeffrey Archer. I'm a middle-class achiever

States; and *First Among Equals* (1984), the story of three men battling to become prime minister of Britain.

Then came the second fall, and this one was a lulu.

The *Star*, a British daily tabloid, and *The News of the World*, an English Sunday newspaper, alleged that Archer had had a liaison with a prostitute, then paid her to leave the country before the press got wind of it. He sued *The Star* for libel and was awarded \$800,000 in damages and \$1.2 million in legal costs.

"The paper made it up," says Archer, who donated most of the award — the largest in British history — to charity. "The editor, an honest man in his way, refused to take the stand because he didn't want to lie."

After *The Star* lost its case with Archer, *The News of the World* settled out of court, agreeing to pay the plaintiff \$80,000 in legal fees and apologize publicly.

Powers

His remarkable powers of recuperation as a man and politician are attributable to a quality he shares with a growing number of citizens of Thatcher's Britain — American-style derring-do. "I'm a middle-class achiever," he says. "Margaret Thatcher has made Britain a nation of middle-class achievers. It is no longer a country of aristocrats standing by while England becomes a second-rate power. Today, Britain is the finest country in the world, which is why I want to serve it."

If Archer's energy and entrepreneurship are very American, then so is his ability to play the media like a fine Stradivarius. On US television talk shows he is convivial, chatty, informal, but not above using his accent to play the stage Englishman for the colonial masses. With the British press he acts staid, decreasing his energy level and lowering his voice a few decibels.

But he doesn't have to seek attention from the media. They come to him. "I never call a newspaper or a TV station," he says. "they call me. In England I sell newspapers and that is the name of the game." (So intimate is his knowledge of the British press that he has a play about a day in the life of a British daily newspaper opening soon in London.)

A psychiatrist analyzing Archer's life would have a field day — an overachiever who worries that he is undeserving and sabotages himself at every turn. I pose the question. He smiles quizzically. "I like the idea that I can start over again each time (adversity is encountered)," he says. "Perhaps you're right, I do like to live near the edge. Perhaps the excitement is important to me."

His only problem is that there is little left to conquer. He certainly doesn't want to be a plain old Member of Parliament again. "I've gotten used to wider vistas," he says. Money means little anymore, but there are still politics and power. "Of course it is the desire for power that interest me," he says, "but the power to do something positive for my country."

He is confident that he will receive his telephone call from Thatcher in September. In the meantime he has been speaking throughout Britain for the Conservative Party. "Margaret (Thatcher) knows my meetings attract 500 people. Her Cabinet members get 50 if they're lucky," he says.

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The enterprise has outgrown its original premises in Battersea, south London — though the book distribution centre is still there — and the main office has moved to central London, near the British Museum. Those premises also provide a bookshop that acts both as a showcase and a focal point for visits from widely scattered customers.

Patricia Braithwaite said: "It is sometimes like having members of a far-flung family come to visit us when they are in London. In fact, some customers actually bring their whole family in to see us."

Readers are clearly pleased with the service as some comments from letters show. A reader from Colorado, in the United States, said: "Your selection is probably the best seen in a postal catalogue anywhere. It is very hard to find good quality in this area, especially in these semi-remote Colorado Rockies."

A Swedish reader said: "I live a quiet, 'lonely' life in a small remote place in the north of Sweden, some 330 kilometres from the nearest bookshop. I love your guide."

Patricia Braithwaite believes the individual service element has been a big factor in the enterprise's success. "This is a personal business and it requires a lot of time and trouble to make it work, which is probably why nobody else has tried to do the same thing," she said. She handles promotion and publicity while Peter, a former engineer and management consultant, concentrates on general management as well as on co-editing the guide with Lesley Baxter.

All books reviewed are available at the same time by mail order. The guide does not wait for subscribers to order a book before ordering from a publisher but makes its own judgement on potential demand and obtains stocks in advance.

The guide now publishes five issues a year in addition to a large annual selection every January. The first list of books is selected from advance information, catalogues and submissions from publishers; this is usually half as much again as can be used. Further titles come in from many sources.

A large proportion of the books then goes to the panel of reviewers, eventually resulting in 250 reviews for each issue and more than 1500 in a full year.

The Braithwaites believe there is still considerable expansion ahead for the guide but are also looking at other areas for diversification. Peter Braithwaite said: "What we are doing is including a reader service supplement to the guide through which subscribers can order a selection of catalogues, goods or magazines."

"Growth is likely to come from developments such as these. We do not need to go to equity markets for capital for expansion or even to capitalise on our investment. We already have what we need and we enjoy what we do."

Solving bookish problems world-wide

How does one choose books from an ever-increasing list of titles published last year? Peter and Patricia Braithwaite have solved the book-buying problems of expat Britons and of English-speaking readers world-wide with the Good Book guide.



Peter and Patricia Braithwaite

By Clive Woodcock

AGUIDE to what is worth reading from among the avalanche of books pouring out from the publishers every year and the ability to obtain those books quickly sounds like a book-lover's dream.

In Britain alone in 1987 there were 400,000 titles available, a figure increasing by 50,000 a year. When one adds the difficulties faced not only by people in countries across the world who want English language books but those in remote areas of Britain itself, the problems of obtaining them are multiplied.

Those difficulties faced a couple of British booklovers living in East Africa some years ago. Fortunately they had an entrepreneurial streak and combined their interest in books with a desire to go into business to solve the problems of deprived readers around the world. That was 11

years ago and the venture is now flourishing.

"The Good Book Guide" was the brainchild of Peter and Patricia Braithwaite — initially in partnership with a friend, Bing Taylor, who has since moved on to other things. "We became aware of the book-buying problems of expatriate Britons and of English-speaking readers world-wide when we were in East Africa in the early 1970s," says Peter Braithwaite.

Advantage "One advantage of English as a major international language is that many people in countries whose main language is not English buy English language books. However, they not only find them difficult to get locally but expensive when they can."

At first the Braithwaites and Taylor considered becoming publishers themselves but the difficulties of breaking into the business and their own market

research led them down a different route. Investigation into buying and reading habits showed that readers were seeking guidance on what was being published and what was worth reading.

The solution was a service to provide "responsible, authoritative guidance" on the best books to enable the readers to make informed judgements. Of equal importance, however, was the combination of this with a mail order service for readers who did not have a good bookshop, or any bookshop at all, nearby.

This enabled readers to buy books directly from a central source but without the usual commitment required from organisations such as book clubs, whose selections in any case might not always meet their needs.

What emerged in 1977 was a 32-page illustrated quarterly

Denying biology, corsets, destiny

By Libby Purves

WE have been bombarded recently with books about how terrible it is to be a woman. So it is a relief to find a book, published this month, devoted entirely to a set of women throughout history who denied that biology was destiny, threw off their corsets, and took new identities as men. Their motto was: "Who so doth the breeches wear lives a life as free as air" — and there were a lot more of them than you would think.

We'll know about the famous ones: Joan of Arc, the surgeon Dr James Miranda Barry, or such figures of heroic ballad as Mary Ambree, who rode in a chain-mail to avenge her lover at the siege of Gaunt. But a scholarly book by Julie Wheelwright reveals many more. Runaway girls fought in the American Civil

War, in the Napoleonic wars, in the Tsar's army; Dorothy Lawrence managed to get herself into the trenches in 1915.

Even more intriguingly, as Wheelwright gleefully points out, we only know about the ones who got caught.

Exposure was by no means automatic. After all, Colonel Victor Barker, who married a pretty girl in 1923, was a retired military type, well respected at the boxing club, who worked at several jobs which would have been closed to a mere woman on the run from a drunken lover. It was only when he was remanded in Brixton for bankruptcy that a medical examination revealed him to be Valerie Arkell-Smith. Nobody was more surprised than the Colonel's devoted wife (since you ask, she had supposed

him to have a war wound in the critical area).

Anne Jane Thornton was a sailor for three years before a shipmate caught her bathing; Christian Davies, who joined a foot regiment in 1701, kept it up so long that she is the only mother of three to be buried among the Chelsea Pensioners.

Of course, the women had to be tough. But they all seem to have found the effort well worth it — even with glue-on whiskers, wire undershirts, breast-binders and exotic devices to help them pass muster in a dim light when standing up in the latrines.

Clearly, it was worth it. These women were rarely transsexual or lesbian, they were simply choosing freedom in a world where only one sex had it.

Mary Anne Arnold, factory-hand in the 1830s, had the wit to

notice that boys of her age were "more highly valued and in every way in a superior condition to her". So on with the breeches, and off on a collier she went, ready to take the knocks as well as the privileges of masculine life.

At a deeper level, there was comfort in male comradeship unspoiled by flirtation or modesty. Deborah Sampson said of her tent-mates in the American War of Independence: "They as little suspected my sex as I suspected them of a disposition to violate its chastity."

Many of them ended up wretched. But there is a magnificent pathos about their stories. Stirred though I was by the book, I cannot think of any attraction in dressing up in a Burton suit and trying to get into the Freemasons. We have, at last, won breeches of our own.



Arkell-Smith as the colonel

Amazons and Military Maids — Women who Dressed as Men in Pursuit of Life, Liberty and Happiness, by Julie Wheelwright, is published by Pandora (£12.95).

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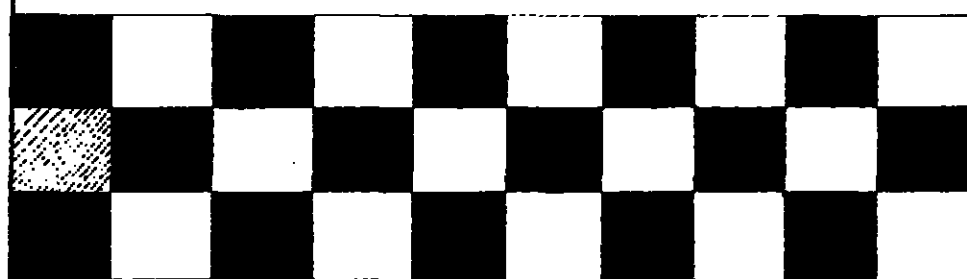
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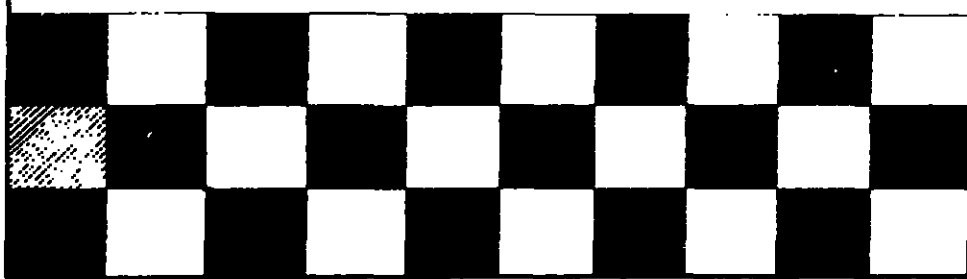
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card and copy card and filled in your name and address, send in your entries, by post, addressed to:

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By Kathy Cuddihy

WHEN I was young, I thought the epitome of luxury would be to have my own chauffeur-driven car.

My ambition has been realized. Not quite in the elegant style I imagined, mind you, but I do have a driver. Yet, as wonderful and efficient as the man is, I sometimes can't help but yearn for a bit of independence at the wheel.

Occasionally an overpowering urge makes me want to be able to go where I want when I want as often as I want. I pine for the challenge getting from point A to B in the most skilful and expedient manner possible.

It seems that when this craving becomes particularly pronounced, it's suddenly time to go to Ireland for the summer, where I can at last be my own boss. And that's when the excitement begins.

For someone who doesn't drive at all during most of the year, coping with gears is at first a daunting prospect. Being a quick learner, though, it only takes me a few times of confusing the gas, brake and gear pedals before I sort them — and myself — out, and happily hit the open road.

By now my sense of freedom is so great that I

Driving me crazy

have difficulty keeping a tight rein on myself. With exhilaration, I whiz down the highway, forgetting about such minor annoyances as speed limits... and such major annoyances as traffic policemen. Fortunately, the tolerant and good-humoured Irish have so far let me off with kindly warnings. Not only does my foreign accent work in my favour, but the police are actually quite sympathetic to my normal plight of not being allowed to drive.

Needless to say, I can't just drive around all the time. At some point I have to park. And that's when the problems arise. After all, there's parking and there's parking.

I have to admit, in the small towns and villages, parking isn't an especially stressful event. If no legal spaces are available, there's usually an unoccupied double yellow line, or whatever. At a pinch, double-parking is even permissible. Several times I've had a local policeman either guide me into illegal spots or stand watch over the car to make sure some ruthless meter maid didn't leave a ticket on my windshield.

It's the more creative, so-called parallel parking which gives me pause. The effort becomes particularly demanding when a) the only place to parallel park is between two cars; and b) when said cars are parked too closely together to do the job with style and grace... and without a significant risk of raising my insurance premiums.

Since I don't need to actively seek out ways to embarrass myself, I sometimes go to great lengths to avoid parallel parking — even if it means parking twelve blocks away from where I want to go.

Alternatively, I use indoor parking garages. Now there's a challenge. They look manoeuvrable enough when someone else is driving but when I'm at the wheel those narrow ramps and low ceilings seem to close in on me. Although I haven't yet suffered any serious mishaps (I don't count driving up the ramp on the wrong side, or doing several tours of the entire garage because I couldn't find the exit), I'm kept on my toes by the evidence of others who haven't fared so well: skid marks and gouged walls at every turn. If getting into an indoor

parking garage weren't trying enough, getting out isn't a whole lot less traumatic.

Before leaving the garage, customers have to pay their parking fees at the ticket machine located at each level. This is a considerable impediment for novices like myself because, although the machines are conveniently located, they are not necessarily convenient to use... especially for people who have a mental block when it comes to reading instructions.

I mean, who would suspect that a machine could be so picky about which way to insert the cash? And how is anyone supposed to know that the change is spewed out at ankle level not, more logically, at eye or even hand level?

Most humiliating of all is having to resort to the "HELP" button. It wouldn't be so bad if a pre-recorded message came on, but to each mumbled query comes an amplified response that I swear is calculated to deter all prospective button pushers.

I tell myself I shouldn't do it, but after a summer of "freedom" on the road, I can't help but harbour the inclination that the epitome of luxury is to have my own chauffeur-driven car.

Get to know yourself, know-all

Do you make sure everyone knows just how clever you are — or do you prefer to listen and not show off your knowledge and wisdom. Try our fun quiz — and you will know all!

By Kate Saunders

ARE you such a know-all that you'll entertain the crowd for hours with your explanation of Einstein's Theory of Relativity? Or such a timid shy creature that you would rather keep your knowledge to yourself?

Our quiz will let you know...

1. You are enjoying a quiet drink in a coffee bar when a professor seated at another table starts loudly airing his views on politics. You totally disagree. Do you:

- Attempt to floor him with a quote from Karl Marx?
- Listen intently and discuss it with your friends?
- Have your own strong opinions but say nothing?

2. Attending a poetry circle with a friend you are most likely to:

- Listen nervously to everyone's poems?
- Monopolize the meeting by droning on about rhyming structure?
- Read out a poem you've written about an intensely emotional experience and invite criticism?

3. You are stopped in the street and asked to donate some money by volunteers collecting for people in Africa. Do you:

- Give them all the loose change you have?
- Ask exactly where the money is for before giving any?
- Lecture them on Ethiopian politics?

4. Your favourite TV programme is:

- A comedy show?
- Phone-in shows. You like to ring in?
- A live debate on current issues?

5. You are at the theatre watching a foreign play. It is very boring. Do you:

- Walk out, making loud comments about how awful it was?
- Keep quiet, thinking you have missed the point?

Add up your score

Now count your scores (mostly a's, b's, or c's) by matching up your answers with the table below.

	1	2	3
1.	a	b	c
2.	c	a	b
3.	b	c	a
4.	b	a	c
5.	a	c	b
6.	c	b	a
7.	c	b	a
8.	b	c	a
9.	b	c	a
10.	c	a	b
11.	a	c	b
12.	c	b	a
13.	b	a	c
14.	a	b	c
15.	b	c	a



Weekly Quiz

c) Stay until the end and then have a rowdy discussion about it with friends?

6. Your friend confides in you about her marital problems. Do you:

- Listen, but don't feel qualified to give advice?
- Give her your firm opinion on the problem?
- Say you never liked her husband and that you saw this happening all along?

7. During a discussion at a dinner party, someone confesses they don't know much about current affairs. Do you:

- Say something reassuring to make them feel better?
- Start a conversation about something in the news that day?
- Start rambling on about events in the Middle East and Outer Mongolia?

8. Two friends ask for your advice on a name for their new baby son. Do you:

- Suggest they go through a book of names and pick the name that means the most to them?
- Say it's not up to you?
- Suggest the names of the great thinkers like Hegel and Kant?

9. Your partner suddenly falls ill. Do you:

- Offer them sympathy and whisky with hot water?
- Worry, and keep running to the shops to buy them special food and medicine?
- Insist that they take vitamin C and advise them at length on nutrition?

10. Shopping in a store, you bump into one of your favourite pop stars. What is your reaction?

- You are immediately tongue-tied and blush furiously?
- You give them a jovial slap on the back and ask them to clarify some of their song lyrics?
- Nervously try to catch their eye over the yoghurts?

11. A front page story in a local newspaper infuriates you. Do you:

- Immediately phone the editor and demand an interview to set the story straight?
- Write a letter to the editor?
- Get it off your chest by telling friends about it?

12. You're on a day trip to a town you've never been to before when a foreign couple ask you for directions to the station. Do you:

- Show them with the help of

your map?

- Tell them it would be better to ask a local?
- Give them long directions you're not sure of yourself, but tell them about the historical attractions of the area?

13. Your partner is doing some decorating. Do you:

- Let them get on with it while you take it easy?
- Stand over them, offering constructive advice?
- Help out only when they need you?

14. A friend is going on holiday to a remote, tropical country. Before she goes, do you:

- Talk to her for hours about yellow fever and dysentery?
- Tell her not to forget a first aid kit?
- Advise her not to drink the water?

15. You're at a friend's house, where the teen-age son is studying for a psychology exam. You don't know anything about the subject. Do you:

- Tell him to read the questions carefully?
- Wish him luck?
- Tell him he could learn a thing or two from you about how the mind works?

What your score means

Mostly a's:

You're such a know-all it's a wonder you bothered to do this quiz. You're fairly pompous and enjoy impressing people with your great knowledge on topics from Einstein to the French Impressionists. If you don't know something, you'll make it up. You have an answer to everything — even in the most awkward emotional moments in a

relationship. Try to step down from your soapbox sometimes and listen to what other people have to say.

Mostly b's:

You don't take yourself too seriously, and if you're caught out, will readily admit that you're wrong. In a group of friends you can sometimes be a bit arrogant, but you value a sense of humour more than a

great store of general knowledge.

Mostly c's:

You're very timid and scared of saying something out of place — when you probably know a lot more than the big-mouths around you. You're a very good listener, but tend to worry too much about what other people think of you. Tell people what you think more often — because it's worth knowing.

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21/2	21/2
19/4	19/3

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NEWPORT HI	35/0	35/1	SUN INH	62/2	62/2
NI MOHG-10	0	58/0	SMITHK BEC	10/2	10/1
NI MOHG-72	0	73/2	SNAP ON TC	36/1	35/1
NICOLOTT IN	10/3	10/4	SOURCE CAP	37/3	37/4
NITORC INC	30/4	30/4	SOUTHERN	23/4	23/5
NI INDS	22/6	22/6	SPAIN FUND	11/4	11/4
NOBLE AFF	11/3	11/3	SPERRY	10/5	10/4
NORD RESOU	12/2	12/3	SQUARE D	52/4	52/4
NORTHPRO	26/5	26/6	SQUIBB		
NORTON	45/6	46/1	STONE CONT	29/7	29/7
NOVO IND	41/6	41/4	SUN CO	34/7	34/6
NUCOR CORP	47/4	47/4	SUNSTRAND	55/0	55/2
OAK INDS	1/1	1/0	SUNSH MIN	3/4	3/4
OCC PETROK	26/6	26/6	SUPER VAL	23/3	23/2
OCEAN DRILL	17/3	17/5	SOUTHWEST	24/2	24/0
OGDEN CORP	27/7	28/0	SV GAS	17/6	17/6
OH ED CO	20/1	20/1	SUN BELL	44/3	44/3
OHIO MATT	24/5	24/5	TDK	62/4	60/4
OLIN CORP	52/1	51/7	TECO ENERG	22/6	22/7
OMNICARE	0	8/4	TEKTRONIX	20/4	20/6
ORION PICT	15/2	15/2	TELEDYNE	349/4	348/4
PAINE MIE	17/3	17/3	TELEPHONIC	23/3	23/2
PAN AM	4/2	4/2	TELEX CORP	0	49/0
PANHANDLE	21/0	21/0	TERADYNE	11/5	11/6
PARKER ORI	5/5	5/5	TEX AMER B	0	07 .06
PARKER MAN	27/3	27/4	TEX EAS TR	51/0	51/0
PATRICK PET	5/3	5/3	TEXACO	53/2	53/1
PULLMAN CO	0	0	TEXAS IND	0	55/0
PC INDS-96	0	57/4	TEXAS INST	37/7	37/5
PEGASUS	12/3	12/3	TEKTRON	26/6	26/7
PENN CENTR	23/0	22/7	THOMPS MED	0	22/3
PENNMALT	130/2	130/2	TIDewater	9/6	9/6
PEPINZOLL	83/3	83/3	TIME INCOR	117/4	117/4
PEOPLES EN	20/7	20/7	TINKEN	34/3	34/4
PEPSICO	43/3	43/2	TORCHMARK	32/1	32/1
PFIZER	56/4	56/3	TOSCO	4/2	4/2
PHILIP MOR	117/4	115/6	TOYS R US	38/0	38/0
PHILIPS PE	22/6	22/6	TRANSAMER	33/6	33/7
PI PINACLE W	13/6	13/6	TRANSCO EN	36/2	36/2
PITN-BOWES	42/5	42/5	TRANSCO EX	5/6	5/6
PITTSO	18/5	18/4	TRAVELLERS	39/0	38/6
POLAROID	36/4	35/7	TRINITY IN	32/4	32/2
PORTLAND GE	21/6	21/6	TU CORP	31/5	31/5
PPG INDS	43/6	43/2	TYCO LABS	34/4	34/4
PRIME CORP	17/0	17/0	UAL CORP	114/2	114/0
PRIME TINS	25/3	25/3	UAL CORP	17/2	17/3
PRIMEVICA	21/3	21/5	UTD TECH	43/6	43/4
PROCT-GAMB	91/6	91/1	UNILEVER	61/5	61/6
PUCKET SP-L	18/3	18/4	UNION CAMP	34/6	34/6
PULTE HOME	12/4	12/3	UNION CARB	29/4	29/4
QUAKER OAT	50/0	50/0	US SHOE	18/3	18/2
QUAKER COR	17/0	17/0	USX CP	31/3	31/1
QUANTUM CH	50/7	51/0	US WEST	62/2	62/2
RAIS PURIN	80/3	80/1	US AIR CP	40/0	39/2
RAMADA INN	11/2	11/1	VALERO EN	13/2	13/2
RANGER OIL	5/7	5/6	VALLEY IND	2/1	2/1
RATCHEEN	33/1	33/2	VARCO INTL	4/0	4/0
RATMARK	2/0	2/0	VARIAN ASS	26/0	25/7
RATTHEON	66/2	66/3	V PNT PEPP	57/4	57/4
REYNOLD NE	52/3	52/0	WAINOC OIL	6/5	6/5
RJR NABISC	86/4	86/5	WAL MART	32/7	32/7

ROHR INDS	31/7	31/7	WASTE MAN	44/3	44/2
ROLLINGS EN	11/1	11/0	WASH GAS L	24/1	24/1
ROLLINS IN	17/3	17/2	WENDY INST	6/2	6/2
ROKER GRP	36/5	38/4	WEST CO	16/3	16/3
ROKS COMP	5/4	5/4	WILLIAMS	53/3	53/1
ROYL DUTCH	62/3	62/1	WICKES COM	10/0	8/0
RSS BERRIE	16/5	16/6	WILLIAMS C	30/2	30/2
RYDER SYST	24/6	24/6	WILLIAMS E	7/0	7/1
RYLAND GRP	21/2	21/2	WINBERG CO	8/4	8/5
S DIEG 6-E	37/0	37/0	WOLVERT M	12/3	12/3
SALMON	04/6	04/6	WOODMAN	49/6	48/6
SAR LEE	47/3	47/2	WOODCOOP	36/6	36/6
SC ATLANTA	14/2	14/2	WYLE LABS	8/3	8/3
SCOTT_PRR	11/0	11/0			

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NEW YORK, March 28, (Reuters): Wall Street stocks rallied led by strength in the blue chips, but turnover was relatively light. Many investors awaited the end of the Federal Reserve Committee meeting for signs of any policy change, brokers said. Stocks also gained technical support.

The Dow was ahead 20 at 2278 and gainers led declining issues by almost two-to-one. Trading was relatively light.

"The market was oversold," Piper Jaffray and Hopwood analyst Brian Luedtke said. "Crude oil prices also have been backing off strong gains. The Dow could try to fill the gap near 2300, but will need more support from bonds to do it."

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON: The coupon on Juko Paper Co's 400 min dir equity warrant bond has been indicated at 4-1/2 pct, Nikko Securities said as lead manager. The par priced bond matures in 1993 (XLCX 0830).

LONDON: The coupon on Mori Seld Co's 100 min dir equity warrant bond has been indicated at 4-5/8 pct, Yamaichi International said as lead manager. The par priced bond matures in 1993 (XLCF 0910).

LONDON: The coupon on Onoda Cement Co Ltd's 300 min dir five-year equity warrant bond, due 1994, has been indicated at 5-1/8 pct, Nikko Securities said as lead manager. (XLCN 0946).

LONDON: Lavoura Bank Overseas Curaçao is issuing a 10-1/4 pct 200 min dir Eurobond due April 20, 1989 at 101.825, lead manager Nomura International said. (XLCU 1432).

LONDON: Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken is issuing a 50 min Australian dir bond due 1991 with a coupon of 16-1/4 pct at 101-7/8, lead manager Westpac Banking Corp said. (XLCZ 1017).

LONDON: The Bank of England said it will lend ECU Treasury bills to market makers effective from today to improve settlements and liquidity. (XLEU 1358).

LONDON: Shikoku Electric Power Co is issuing a 150 min dir 10-1/4 pct Eurobond due 1996 at 101-1/4, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (XLCU 1502).

TOKYO: A leading Japanese banker said that if the Brady proposal for cutting Third World debt is not put into practice within a few months, the debt problem could eventually become disastrous. (XLDJ 1119).

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GRASIM	111	111	109	109	37.50	37	38
293	283	285	GSFC	157.50	157.50	155	155	790	790	800
ALLEN CHEN	---	---	GUJ ALK	---	---	67	68	OKAY	23.25	23.25
ALM NIS	---	---	GUJ HEAVY	---	---	14	13	OSVAL AGRO	91	90
ART LAY	---	---	NERO NODA	269	269	29	29	PEICO	22.50	22
ASHOK FEB	69	69	HIND CIBA	970	980	960	960	PFIZER	77	78
ASIA PAINT	222.50	222.50	HIND COCOA	120	122.50	120	120	PONDS	180	180
ATLAS CORP	32	31	HIND LEVER	84	85	83.50	83.50	PREM AUTO	52.50	52
AUTO CORP	74	75	HIND MOTOR	42	42	42.50	42.50	RAMBAWY	130	125
BAJAJ AUTO	404.75	420	HINDALCO	278	278.25	268	268	RAY WOL	75	74
BAR ATOM	357.50	362	HOECHST	770	830	850	850	RECKITT	165	160
BK BOND	140	145	IND ORG	29	30	31.50	31.50	RELIANCE	124	125
BLOW PLAST	---	---	IND RAYON	90	89.50	89	89	SESA GOA	45	45
BON DYE	141.50	142	INDROL	310	306.25	322.50	322.50	SHAW WAL	---	---
BURR MEL	187.50	185	INDERSOLL	365	365	375	375	SHREE CEM	---	---
CANSHARE	---	---	ITC	64	62	63	63	SHRI FIB	88	86
CEN ENKA	2660	2660	KI SYK	70	69	71.50	71.50	SIEMENS	2550	79
CEN SPG	1800	1800	KIR ENGG	171.50	170	175	175	SKF	53.50	580
COLGATE	362.50	362.50	KIR CUMM	75	74	75	75	SPIC	250	54
CROWN GR	800	775	KSB PUMPS	355	345	355	355	ST HILLS	70	255
DDM	12	12	L AND T	93	92	95	95	TATA CHEM	317.50	124
DEEP PERT	34	33	LIPION	82	81	80	80	TATA OIL	125	67.50
DUNLOP	77	75	MAC RUSSEL	85	82.50	86.50	86.50	TATA POM	770	315
ESOTELS	66.50	66	MAH COATS	95.50	92	94	94	TELCO	790	772.5
ESORTS	133.75	135	MAHINDRA	91.50	91	92.50	92.50	THAPPA AGRO	---	---
ESSARV	23.25	23.50	MAH SHARE	15.85	16	16	16	TISCO	1197.50	1208
FOOD SFL	---	---	MAH WICO	605	600	610	610	VAN ORG	177	173
FORBES	60	58	MDI	81.25	82.50	85	85	VOLTAZ	650	670
GAR POLY	78.75	76.25	MTI LTD	352	342.50	342.50	342.50	WINCO	23	22.50
GE SHIPPING	36.65	37.25	MUK IRON	103	104	102.50	102.50	ZENITH	66	66
GLINDIA	93	95	NAT INDEX	354.28	360.78	360.78	360.78	ZUARI AGRO	70	67.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
AG	210.0	210.5
ALZANZ VR	1697.0	1703.0
BADENWER	185.0	183.0
BASE	286.1	286.0
BAYER	296.0	296.8
BAYER HYP	359.5	358.5
BAYER VER	366.0	367.3
BBC	446.0	449.0
BRF	406.0	404.0
BRUNN	506.0	509.0
COMMERZB	241.0	240.5
CONTI GUHM	254.0	254.0
DAINER BEN	654.0	653.5
DEUTSCH BK	505.1	504.8
DLW	472.0	471.0
DRESDNER-B	310.5	309.5
DT BARCOCK	164.7	164.5
WERNER & Z	549.14	548.77
FELDMUEK	341.0	336.5
GOLDSCHEID	397.5	390.0
HARPER	458.0	460.0
HOECHST AG	299.7	299.4
HOECHST	240.0	240.5
NORTH	223.0	227.0
RUSSEL HLD	476.0	475.0
KALI SALZ	211.0	211.0
KARSTADT	420.0	420.0
KAUFHOF	415.0	414.0
KLOECK W	173.0	175.0
KLOECK W	164.0	161.5
LINDE	760.5	765.0
LUFTANSA	158.5	159.0
MAN	258.0	253.5
MANHESAN	227.9	226.0
MERCEDES	520.0	518.0
METALLGES	398.0	396.0
ROSKOPF PF	294.0	293.0
ROSKOPF	46.00	45.00
PHILIP KOD	695.0	695.0
PORSCHE	720.0	723.0
PREUSSAG	239.5	239.0
PWA	298.0	296.5
RHEINMETAL	457.0	458.0
RME	242.0	243.5
RME P	216.5	216.8
SALAMANDER	325.0	323.0
SCHERING	596.5	601.0
SEL	295.8	295.0
SIEMENS	511.2	523.5
THYSEN	223.6	223.3
VARIA	347.0	352.0
VERA	287.1	286.0
VOLKSWAGEN	170.2	170.8
	341.5	341.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
C H TUNNEL	15.60	15.40
CHONG H	10.10	10.10
CHINA GAS	19.50	19.10
CHINA L-P	13.80	13.90
CHINA MOTR	30.75	31.25
CHONG PROP	3.65	3.62
EVERGO INT	3.25	3.27
FAN EAST C	97	95
JEN ORIENT	0	44.00
J C DEVELP	10.90	11.50
J S INDEX	33.03	37.05
WANG LUNG	6.15	6.25
WANG SEC	31.50	31.50
WANG PAR BR	12.20	12.20
K ELECO	7.60	7.65
K KLOON	10.90	10.90
K LAND CO	10.90	11.00
K SHAN BK	7.45	7.45
K SHAN HT	6.15	6.15
K TELE CO	5.15	5.20
WCH WHAM	10.30	10.40
WQ EQ PAC	11.20	11.30
WORLD N	19.80	19.90
WU Y CON	1.54	1.54
WU DEV	7.85	7.85
H K CO	2.62	2.62
H K PROP	14.30	14.40
INE DARY	3.02	3.02
TELUX PFC	3.15	3.17
INE PAC	20.80	20.90
V B CO	1.26	1.30
Y CHEUNG	5.50	5.70
ION BANK	1.79	1.79
OCK NARD	0	7.25
OCK MARI	0	1.15
OLD INTL	4.97	5.05

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR.	CLOSE
AJINOMOTO	2700	2590
AKAI ELEC	700	685
AKI	1500	1520
ASAHI GLS	2170	2060
ASAHI OPT	850	811
BANK TOKYO	1650	1650
BRIDGESTON	1350	1350
CANON	1730	1590
CASIO COMP	1400	1350
CHUBAT PHM	1520	1490
CITIZEN W	955	920
D-ICHI KAN	3350	3430
DAI NIP IK	845	835
DAI NIP PT	2290	2350
DAI NIP SC	980	950
DAI NIP TO	985	870
DAICEL	895	875
DAIICHI	2000	2000
DAIICHI	2250	2170
DAIICHI	1860	1750
DAIICHI	1900	1880
DAIICHI	1450	1410
DAIICHI	3550	3620
DAIICHI	3500	3450
DAIICHI	1670	1590
DAIICHI	2180	2160
DAIICHI	1580	1520
DAIICHI	1960	1870
DAIICHI	2300	2240
DAIICHI	3650	3610
DAIICHI	1290	1210
DAIICHI	15900	15000
DAIICHI	940	924
DAIICHI	2580	2430
DAIICHI	4350	4230
DAIICHI	1570	1580
DAIICHI	927	895
DAIICHI	895	885
DAIICHI	1780	1790
DAIICHI	1340	1320
DAIICHI	1140	1120
DAIICHI	4900	4820
DAIICHI	1560	1580
DAIICHI	2680	2700
DAIICHI	2460	2450
DAIICHI	0	2660
DAIICHI	980	976
DAIICHI	1510	1430
DAIICHI	1080	1040
DAIICHI	2690	2410
DAIICHI	1080	1040
DAIICHI	2330	2290
DAIICHI	933	920
DAIICHI	1300	1250
DAIICHI	1280	1290
DAIICHI	1840	1790
DAIICHI	1760	1720
DAIICHI	900	873
DAIICHI	1590	1580
DAIICHI	915	894
DAIICHI	930	904
DAIICHI	1520	1450
DAIICHI	3460	3360
DAIICHI	965	936
DAIICHI	1190	1140
DAIICHI	1620	1670
DAIICHI	3140	3060
DAIICHI	960	970
DAIICHI	1210	1140
DAIICHI	2300	2250
DAIICHI	930	891
DAIICHI	0	1990
DAIICHI	1800	1790
DAIICHI	1370	1300
DAIICHI	1650	1620
DAIICHI	6950	6630
DAIICHI	1630	1670
DAIICHI	1890	1830
DAIICHI	1330	1320
DAIICHI	2330	2330
DAIICHI	815	793
DAIICHI	422.46	364.33
DAIICHI	2080	2000
DAIICHI	1340	1300
DAIICHI	1070	1030
DAIICHI	6000	5900
DAIICHI	914	882
DAIICHI	1190	1150
DAIICHI	2090	2030
DAIICHI	860	833
DAIICHI	2600	2530
DAIICHI	1410	1320
DAIICHI	1850	1800
DAIICHI	3450	3450
DAIICHI	1380	1380

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO, MARCH 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES SOARED TO CLOSE UP THEIR FIFTH BIGGEST ONE-DAY ADVANCE. THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST DAY OF TRADE FOR DELIVERY IN THE BUSINESS YEAR STARTING ON APRIL 1 SPARKED BUYING MAINLY FROM INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS AND ACTIVE DEALING BY BROKERS, BROKERS SAID.

"PEOPLE HAVE WANTED TO BUY AND HOLD OFF AND OFF THE BEGINNING OF TRADE FOR THE NEW YEAR WAS THE TRIGGER," SAID ROSS ROUBURY, A BROKER AT SANYO SECURITIES CO LTD.

THE NIKKEI INDEX SURGED 795.96 POINTS, OR 2.52 PCT, TO END AT 32,306.36, JUST OFF THE DAY'S HIGH OF 32,303.33 REACHED SHORTLY BEFORE THE CLOSE.

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI AVERAGE ENDED 56.12 POINTS LOWER ON MONDAY.

"THE FACT THAT THE MARKET HAS GONE UP SO FAR ON RELATIVELY SMALL VOLUME MEANS PEOPLE WANT TO BUY AT ANY COST," SAID ROUBURY AT SANYO. "THE MARKET IS QUITE STRONG," HE ADDED.

TURNOVER WAS 1.2 BILLION SHARES, MUCH HIGHER THAN MONDAY'S 650 MLN, BUT LIGHT COMPARED WITH LEVELS SET AT THE STARTS OF PREVIOUS BUSINESS YEARS, BROKERS SAID.

"THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE AT A NEW YEAR, BUT THE EXTENT OF THE RISE IS SURPRISING," SAID A BROKER AT A FOREIGN BROKERAGE.

"IT IS A NEW YEAR FOR THE BROKERS AS WELL AS A NEW FISCAL YEAR SO THEY WOULD WANT TO MAKE A GOOD SHOW OF IT," THE BROKER AT THE FOREIGN SECURITIES HOUSE SAID.

"IT WAS MAINLY DEALERS PUSHING THE MARKET," HE SAID.

BROKERS THIS YEAR SWITCHED THE START OF THEIR FINANCIAL YEARS TO OCTOBER 1, JAPAN'S FISCAL YEAR AND THE YEARS TO APRIL 1 MOST CORPORATIONS START ON APRIL 1.

"THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY AROUND," SAID TERUO YUGE, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER AT YASUDA TRUST AND BANKING CO LTD.

"THE TECHNICAL SELLING DUE TO YEAR-END BOOK-SQUARING FINISHED YESTERDAY," HE SAID.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, MARCH 28, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS SLID IN QUIET DIRECTIONLESS TRADE WITH LOCAL SPECULATORS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THE LIMITED ACTIVITY THAT OCCURRED, BROKERS SAID.

"MOST PLAYERS SEEM WILLING TO BET ON STRICTLY LOCAL NEWS SUCH AS THE LAND AUCTION AND TAKEOVER BIDS BUT THE FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS ARE LARGELY ON THE SIDELINES," SAID A BROKER WITH A LOCAL HOUSE.

HE SAID THE POSITIVE RESULTS POSTED BY BLUE CHIP CATHAY PACIFIC AND GOOD RESULTS EXPECTED LATER IN THE WEEK HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED AND DISCOUNTED.

THE HANG SENG INDEX SLED 16.59 POINTS TO END AT 3,033.03.

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSE	JOR NATIONAL BANK		
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY			JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.75	3.60
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
ARAB BANK			JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER			JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	1.79	1.70
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
ARAB INSURANCE			JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.54	0.51	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.10
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.25	1.23	JOR SELPHO CHEM		
ARAB INTER. HOTELS			JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR WORSTED MLL	0.60	0.50
ARAB PAPER CO/TRD	0.45	0.43	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	5.93	6.05
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.			JOR. PETROLEUM REF		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM			JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.50
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP		
BANK OF JORDAN	15.30	15.30	JORDANIAN GULF REAL		
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITWA	1.00	1.00	JORDAN DAIRY	0.97	0.90
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK		
CATRO AMMAN BANK			JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.90
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN INSURANCE		
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS			JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK		
DAR ALDAMA DV/INVS			JORDAN KUWAIT BNC	1.42	1.40
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.			LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.74	0.70
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	MACHVEQ/RENT/MAIN		
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.60	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.10
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.35	1.27	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL		
GENERAL MINING	2.20	2.10	MID. IND. INS.	1.98	1.90
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.74	0.70
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO		
IND./MATCH JEHMO			NAT. CABEL/VITRE/MF		
INDSTR. DEVELPT BNK	1.60	1.60	NATIONAL AHLIA INS		
INDSTR/COM/AGR.			NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.99	0.90
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
INTERCON/INV	0.13	0.13	NATIONAL STEEL		
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.20
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.90	0.90	PETRA BANK	2.60	2.50
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	0.64	0.64	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.30
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.00
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	PRECAST CONCRETE		
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	20.00	20.00	RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.82	1.90
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR			REAL ESTATE INV.		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	SHIPPING LINES		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER			SPINNING WEAVING		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	THE HOUSING BANK		
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			UNITED INSURANCE	1.16	1.10
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND		
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.30	2.33	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.60
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	1.00	1.00
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.30

Mideast will be main source of oil supplies

Energy use to go up by 30pc by year 2000

UNITED NATIONS, March 28. (OPEC-NA): A senior United Nations official has predicted that energy consumption will grow by about 30 per cent by the year 2000, reaching a level of 176 million barrels of oil equivalent (MBOE) daily.

Goran Ohlin, assistant secretary-general for development, research and policy analysis at the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, said yesterday that while there had been progress in energy conservation and efficiency since the 1970s, there remained sharp conflicts of interest among energy-importing and energy-exporting nations.

"Although fossil fuels would continue to dominate, the use of nuclear, hydro and geothermal electricity, as well as other renewable energy sources, would grow at a considerably higher rate than that of fossil

fuels," he told the Committee on Natural Resources, a subsidiary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

In a report on energy trends, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said that "even in the absence of any upsurge in the vigour with which governments pursue energy policy, the shape of global energy economy in the year 2000 will be quite different and nuclear power can contribute a much higher share of the world's energy supply."

The report said: "It seems very likely that the world will still be heavily dependent on traditional energy sources... and conventional modern sources... in the year 2000. In particular, it would be a serious mistake to consider unconventional modern energy sources as a *deus ex machina* for the energy requirements of

developing countries as a whole."

The developing countries, it says, will need huge quantities of conventional fuels — oil, natural gas and coal — if they are to build modern economies and growth rates commensurate with their potential.

The roll of developing countries in the production of energy would be expanded, rising from about 37 per cent of global output today to about 46 per cent in the year 2000, the report says.

Growth

"Much of this growth will be attributable to the doubling of OPEC oil output over the period, an increase which seems to be consistent with the group's proven reserves."

The report states that international trade in oil will also be altered "significantly" from its present pattern. "Imports

into developed market economies will double by the year 2000, as domestic production declines and consumption grows."

Similarly, it states, the centrally planned economies will shift from being net exporters to become net importers of oil. In both cases, the Middle East will be the main source of oil supplies.

The report says total primary energy requirements may grow at an average annual rate of about 1.4 per cent in developed market economies till the end of the century, consistent with a rate of GDP growth of about 2.5 per cent. The corresponding figures for developing countries are four per cent for both energy and GDP growth, and for centrally planned economies, 2.5 per cent for energy and 3.5 per cent for net material product growth.

Greece hopes to take part in Iraq's reconstruction

ATHENS, March 28. (UPI):

Greece hopes to participate in Iraq's programme of reconstruction, following the end of the 8-year Gulf war, and talks began today to boost economic ties between the two countries, officials said.

There were "new prospects of advancing Greek products in Iraq following the end of the Iran-Iraq war," a statement from the Greek national economy ministry said.

Economy undersecretary Panayotis Roumeliotis was scheduled to hold talks with officials from the Central Bank of Iraq and the Rafidain Bank in Baghdad.

The Iraqi officials were part of a 12-man team in Athens, which was headed by Deputy Minister of Agriculture Abdul Sattar Salman and included officials from the Iraqi ministries of defence, housing, commerce and harbour authorities.

Projects

Greek companies were already constructing hotels, government buildings and bridges in Iraq and were involved in "other new projects", officials said. Athens was now seeking "new forms of co-operation," they said.

Greek opposition parties have charged, over the past four months, that Greece sold arms to Iraq, despite the official neutral stance it took between Tehran and Baghdad in the Gulf war, and the good relations it had with both countries.

Last month Greece went along with 11 other member-states of the European Economic Community to recall its ambassador from Tehran, in protest against Ayatollah Khomeini's death edict against British author Salman Rushdie.

But today, a Greek government spokesman said the envoy from Athens would return to Tehran shortly, in line with an EEC decision to allow senior diplomats from its member-states to go back to their posts.

Brazil's inflation rate jumps

BRASILIA, Brazil, March 28. (AP): Brazil's inflation rate jumped 6.5 per cent in March despite a government-imposed price freeze. Finance Minister Mailson da Nobrega confirmed today.

The government was "surprised" by the cost of living increase. Da Nobrega said after an emergency meeting with President Jose Sarney and his economic advisers to reassess the anti-inflation economic reforms instituted in January.

The government had predicted inflation would rise only half of the 6.5 per cent.

Inflation was 3.6 per cent in February — the first month after the government announced a wage-price freeze and promised massive federal spending cuts to halt a 1,000 per cent annual inflation rate. But even that figure was far above the zero per cent inflation the government had projected.

Da Nobrega said that the "summer plan," as the anti-inflation plan is called, "would be maintained without any great changes."

Europe sparing in its praise for Brady plan

Japan to seek greater IMF voting rights

LONDON, March 28. (Reuters): Several West European nations are expected to voice concern at talks in Washington this week that a new US initiative to ease Third World debt could turn into a taxpayer-funded bail-out of banks and poorly run countries.

The negotiations on a fresh debt strategy will take place against the backdrop of the semi-annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund starting on Friday.

European nations, including West Germany and Britain, have so far been guarded in their praise of suggestions floated on March 10 by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to deal with the Third World's debt burden.

European monetary officials said the studied tone of caution masks the concern that a new

emphasis on debt reduction could thrust the load onto Western taxpayers.

Strategy

But even European sceptics now recognise that the industrial world's past strategy for coping with the stubborn debt crisis, especially in Latin America, desperately needs a new approach.

"It is not enough for the industrial world to agree to study the problem," said one European central bank official.

"The genie is out of the bottle."

The genie in question, the principle of reducing Third World debt and perhaps guaranteeing interest rate payments for bank creditors, is likely to dominate talks among the Group of Seven nations at the IMF meeting.

Of the seven nations, Japan

and France are already lined up firmly behind the United States. French President Francois Mitterrand this week pledged to push for a definitive new accord at the Western economic summit in Paris this July.

Price riots in Venezuela a month ago and threat to democracy in President Bush's "backyard" of Latin America have spurred the new US administration to cast aside a previous strategy based on countries growing out of debt.

Japan was consulted closely before Brady unveiled the proposals and some European central bankers believe Tokyo, backed by Washington, will now seek greater IMF voting rights in a bid to leapfrog Britain, West Germany and France into number two position instead of its current fifth rank.

Saudis may intervene to save £500m aircraft deal

LONDON, March 28. (KUNA):

Saudi Arabia may intervene to save a £500 million Anglo-Jordanian deal for eight Tornado fighter aircraft, according to a report here today.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper said this morning that "confidential talks" between King Hussein of Jordan and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia were expected within the next few weeks.

It quoted "high-level Jordanian sources" who said the discussions could lead to Saudi Arabia underwriting the aircraft deal.

Order

A postponement of the Jordanian order for eight Tornado GR1 ground-attack aircraft was announced here on Thursday for financial reasons.

One possibility now was that the Saudis could add the aircraft to its own major deal with the UK, said the Sunday Telegraph. The weekly said the deal had collapsed after the Tornado's co-manufacturer West Germany, who were committed to 42 per cent of sale credits, refused to underwrite the deal.

However, the Sunday Telegraph noted Saudi Arabia's support for Jordan's efforts to modernise its "highly professional" Air Force.

Boy sells lottery tickets

A young boy sells lottery tickets in the Laotian capital on Monday. The popular lottery offers a Japanese truck and motorcycles as prizes. (Reuters wirephoto)

UK urges business to fight cost of alcoholism

LONDON, March 28. (Reuters): The government is bombarding corporate Britain with advice to try to limit huge financial losses caused by alcohol-related problems.

But the campaign, however well-meaning at the start, has sparked controversy over how the matter should be tackled.

In the business world, growing alcohol abuse means absenteeism, accidents and inefficiency — especially on Mondays when hangovers hit hardest. It adds up to a loss to British industry of £700 million (\$1.2 billion) a year, official estimates show.

The Conservative government has urged private industry to stop labelling staff with drink problems as bad workers. It sent out 77,000 pamphlets in February advising company bosses how to help drinkers instead of firing them.

Appeals

Employers responded with appeals for government grants, saying they could not afford the recommendations, which included setting up in-house anti-alcoholism measures based on prevention, counselling and monitoring.

Trade unions and health consultants have attacked the government's approach as inconsistent. They noted Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson failed to raise taxes on alcohol for the first time in years in his March 14 budget speech.

"The government just doesn't want to upset the apple cart, because it depends on the drinks industry for much of its revenue," said Gillian Howard, a consultant who pioneered anti-drink packages for some of Britain's biggest firms.

Junior Employment Minister Patrick Nicolls, who heads the government campaign, replied he did not want to restrict consumer choice. "We're not a nanny state. I don't believe in the idea that we can control the problem just through playing with the price of booze," he said.

Nicholls said he wanted to show smaller companies with between 20 and 500 employees how to catch up with the leading firms which have adopted anti-alcoholism policies.

One more arrested in stock scandal

TOKYO, March 28. (AP): Prosecutors arrested one former government vice minister and formally charged another today in a stock-profiteering scandal that has rocked Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeuchi's administration.

The arrest of Kunio Takaishi, 59, who retired last year as Vice Minister of Education, came the same day that Takashi Kato, a former Vice Minister of Labour who was arrested on March 8, was charged with bribery.

The men, the highest-ranking public officials arrested in the scandal, were accused of receiving bribes in the form of bargain-priced stock shares in exchange for using their influence in favour of Recruit Co., an information conglomerate. Both retired before the scandal surfaced last summer.

Takaishi allegedly helped win appointment for Recruit executives to government dealing with education matters.

Recruit's main business is publishing specialised magazines on job placement, giving it a strong interest in both education and labour policy.

Kato, 59, who retired as a vice minister in September 1987, was accused of influencing a ministry decision not to impose stricter regulations on employment information magazines in 1984.

The latest arrest, the 13th in the Recruit scandal, came one day after prosecutors formally charged Hisashi Shinto, former chairman of the telecommunications giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp., of receiving bribes from Recruit to help advance into the communications field.

Prosecutors say Kato was sold 3,000 unlisted shares of Recruit's real estate subsidiary, Recruit Cosmos Co., at a cut-rate price in 1986. He allegedly profited by about 6 million yen (\$45,450) when public sales of the stock began and its price soared.

Takaishi bought 10,000 shares, and sold 6,000 immediately after the public listing, for a profit of about 12 million yen (\$90,000), prosecutors said.

Fed likely to push interest rates up

WASHINGTON, March 28. (AP): Policy-makers at the Federal Reserve probably will not tighten credit this week but will indicate readiness to push interest rates higher if inflationary pressures do not abate, private economists predicted yesterday.

The Fed — the American Central Bank — is facing growing political pressure over fears of a possible recession, and is likely to postpone further credit tightening for the time being at a meeting this week, many economists believe. But they say they expect this respite will be brief.

Most analysts are forecasting that a variety of US interest rates, including banks' prime lending rate and mortgage rates, will be headed higher in the months ahead as the Fed struggles to keep inflation

from getting out of control. Interest rates on the loans to many Third World nations are linked to the US bank prime rate and would follow any upward trend.

So far this year, US inflation at the wholesale level has been racing ahead at an alarming annual rate of 12.6 per cent. Consumer prices have been rising at a slower, but still troublesome, annual rate of 6.1 per cent, up sharply from the 4.4 per cent increase in consumer prices turned in during the past two years.

Higher

Responding to the uptick in inflation, the Fed in February moved to aggressively push interest rates higher, moving various short-term rates up by about three-fourths of a percentage point.



Swissair organised a press conference at Kuwait Meridien Hotel on March 27. Picture shows from left to right, Jamal El Sawah, senior sales representative; R. Beat Weiland, Kuwait's manager; and Josef Geisseler, station manager.

Swissair to begin services to Los Angeles

SWISSAIR can look back on a successful performance in 1988 and has decided on a number of steps with major implications for its future.

At its meeting on March 15, Swissair's board of directors approved a dividend of Sfr 38.- (1987: Sfr 36.-) per share and Sfr 7.00 (Sfr 7.20) per dividend-right certificate on a net profit for 1988 of Sfr 76.1 million.

It also took the decision to add service to Los Angeles as Swissair's sixth US gateway, and gave its consent to a close co-operation between Swissair and Delta Air Lines, the third largest carrier in the US. Swissair also intends to implement a decisive upgrading of long-haul business class comfort.

The main objective of the co-operation with Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines is to co-ordinate schedules so that passengers and cargo cus-

tomers of both airlines can take advantage of the swiftest connections to and from the USA.

The agreement also envisages co-operation in the technical sphere (MD-11), joint use of airport facilities and marketing collaboration.

The board of directors will submit a favourable set of results to the shareholders' assembly on April 27. With total revenues up seven per cent to Sfr 4,284 million (1987: Sfr 4,003 million), and total expenditures before depreciation up 6.6 per cent to Sfr 3,866 million (Sfr 3,628 million), gross profit for 1988 amounted to Sfr 418 million (Sfr 375 million).

Following allowances for ordinary depreciation amounting to Sfr 302 million (Sfr 273 million), the airline was also able to effect supplementary depreciation in the order

of Sfr 40 million (Sfr 30 million). The net profit of Sfr 76.1 million enables the dividend to be raised from Sfr 36.- to Sfr 38.- per share and from Sfr 7.20 to Sfr 7.60 per dividend-right certificate. The board of directors will also propose a one-for-ten rights issue to shareholders' assembly.

Swissair will inaugurate services to Los Angeles, its sixth destination in the US, with effect from 1989. Three weekly frequencies are planned at first to the new West Coast destination, rising to five from spring 1990. Swissair president Otto Loeplie has indicated that improvements to the airline's product will be a major feature of 1989. The Swiss national carrier intends to introduce a substantial upgrading of business class comfort on long-haul routes to coincide with the entry into service of the MD-11 — successor to the DC-10 — from 1990 onwards.

Job plan for young people

RABAT, March 28. (Reuters): Hundreds of thousands of young unemployed Moroccans are to be offered jobs in an ambitious plan to reforest rural areas and provide essential services, officials said yesterday.

The programme will involve planting 60 million trees on 60,000 hectares (148,000 acres) of land and building dams to provide electricity and irrigation.

It will be launched July 9, which is National Youth Day and coincides with King Hassan's 60th birthday.

The electrification programme will benefit 600 villages in remote parts of the country, where 600 small dams will be built to provide water for livestock and irrigation.

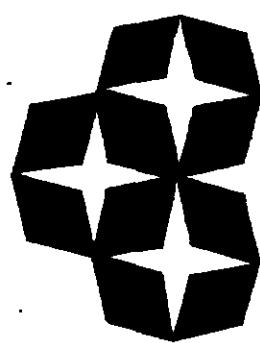
Officials said the programme, which will take about three years to complete, was designed to provide employment for people born since independence in 1956.

According to the latest official estimates, more than 14 million people, or 61 per cent of the population, were aged under 25 in 1987.

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VIDEO CORNER

Superb interplay in modern Cinderella tale

By Gall Seery
Arab Times staff

"YOU don't get anywhere waiting for things to happen," says Katherine Parker to Tess McGill in *Working Girls*. "You have to make it happen. Watch me, learn from me," she says. However, she certainly didn't intend to be taken quite so seriously.

Melanie Griffith plays Tess McGill. As with her role in *Stormy Monday*, she comes across as vague and spaced out — but then so would you be if you were ever unlucky enough to be married to Don Johnson.

Sigourney Weaver plays Katherine Parker — the type of role which makes you prefer her when she was the possessed gatekeeper in *Ghost Busters*.

Working Girls is the archetypal Cinderella story, with no ingredients missing. Tess is a disillusioned secretary, who has stuck five years of night school studying in order to get her degree — with honors. She is also stunning, and dresses very much in what the film chooses to present as secretary chic — big hair, short skirts and costume jewellery. She frequently gets the sack,

usually for losing her temper with her boss.

This girl is talented, and although to an extent she is portrayed as a mere helpless woman, the real strength of purpose and character lies with her. This is quite a switch for Griffith — in *Stormy Monday* she played a prostitute with about as much moral character as a soggy paper bag. Tess is clearly unhappy with her conventional and stereotyped roles as office secretary and obedient girlfriend.

She goes to work for Katherine Parker, and at first thinks

that this will be much better — after all, she doesn't get chased around the desk any more. Parker is full of high sounding platitudes which mean very little. She assures Tess that they will be a team — and having encouraged Tess to give her ideas, promptly steals the one which could lift her from the secretary desk, and tries to pass it off as her own.

Then what-do-you-know, she breaks her leg skiing, and Tess goes into action in her own right. Enter Indiana Jones pretending to be businessman Jack Tranter. Harrison Ford is

an extremely endearing actor, and he completes the triangle superbly. And of course, just to complicate the issue, he falls for Tess, who was previously Katherine's lover.

It's a good film, with strong performances from all three principals, and in particular, some superb interplay between Tess and Katherine. It's easy to see exactly why both actresses have received Oscar nominations for this film. Melanie Griffith is clearly an actress we are going to see a lot more of. If you haven't already seen this film I strongly recommend you to do so.

A dangerous relationship

By Shaun Seekins

PASCALI'S Island is a beautifully crafted version of a 1980 prize winning novel by Barry Unsworth. It continues the present vogue of period literary adaptation and is clearly aimed at the same market that has devoured on screen *Forster and Waugh*. The setting is a small Turkish-occupied island in 1908 where, during the build-up of tensions that would eventually explode as the First World War, various interests are scrambling for a foothold. Basil Pascali (Ben Kingsley) is the local character, a rather seedy interpreter and guide who also acts as a spy for the Sultan in far-off Constantinople. When the handsome English archaeologist Bowles (Charles Dance) arrives on the island, ostensibly to make studies — although in fact with more profitable fish to fry — Pascali becomes his sidekick.

The relationship turns dangerously sour when the guide realises that not only is Bowles a silver-tongued con man but is also bedding Lydia (Helen Mirren) an artist for whom Pascali harbours an unspoken and

unreciprocated passion. In addition there is a German munitions salesman, plotting with the local pasha, and an American supplying arms to Greek revolutionaries. All this set against the decaying Ottoman Empire.

British writer-director James Dearden has fashioned a literate, sometimes witty tragic-romantic drama of considerable quality. He is the son of the late prolific Basil Dearden (*The Blue Lamp*, *The League of Gentlemen*, etc.) and is making his theatrical feature debut with *Pascali's Island*.

Fresh Horses is an amusing dramatic comedy starring Molly Ringwald as Jewel, a sensuous married woman from the farm country of Kentucky, and Andrew McCarthy as Matt Larkin. Larkin is a senior in college who's living a quiet, safe life until he meets Jewel, with whom he falls obsessively in love.

Three's Trouble stars Jacki Weaver and John Waters. The arrival of a young athletic Dane as babysitter to the Gunn household threatens an already

rocky marriage. There follows a passionate affair that has hilarious consequences.

Grandmother's House is a remote farm where two children are forced to live with their grandparents, but they soon enter a world of terror where there seems to be no escape from the psychopath who pursues them.

J.J. Starbuck is a new kind of cop, one who wears a ten gallon hat and has cow horns on the bumper of his 1961 Cadillac. When a pretty, young rich girl turns up dead in her pool, but with water from somebody else's in her lungs, he sets out to solve the case in his own unusual way.

Western fans should be happy with a new best-seller named *Lonesome Dove* and a traditional US marshal chasing down a ruthless outlaw in *Lone Star*.

Three new basketball matches are available and Rugby International continues.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwaniya, Video Naut, Salmiya, and Video Club, Salmiya.



Fresh Horses stars Molly Ringwald and Andrew McCarthy.



Flag collectors win cash prizes

THE first draw of the Maaza Mango "Collect the Flags Competition" (above) was held recently at the premises of Al Sayer Soft Drinks Factory. Ten numbers were drawn. The lucky winners were given the following prizes: gift vouchers worth KD100, KD90, KD80, KD70, KD60, KD50, KD40, KD20, KD10 and KD5.

The competition continues until May 18. The second and the third draw for the lucky winners will be held on April 13 and 18. A Kawasaki motorcycle, the grand prize, is yet to be won.



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Tragic secret

By Richard Foltz
Arab Times staff

IMAGINE the feelings of poor Countess Aurelia when at last her vagabond friends reveal the tragic secret they have long kept from her — people are not happy any more! Fortunately for us all someone still cares about the human race, as the eccentric countess shows us in American Community Theatre's spring production, "The Madwoman of Chailiot," playing at the Mousetrap Theatre in Jabriya.

A conversation overheard in a Parisian cafe — that classic setting for the hatching of foul plots — provides our first inkling that all is not well in the world. A devious plan to drill for oil is being set out by a sniveling prospector in league with an unscrupulous corporate president (where have I heard that mean Texas draw before? I think it was J.R. Ewing masquerading as Brer Fox just a few months ago...), whose urbane mistress hangs decoratively by his side.

Things start feeling pretty grim and depressing as Mr President launches into a long power monologue, until the unlikely figure of mad Aurelia glides onto the scene with a strange aura of optimism glowing about her like a halo, blithely unaware of the danger brewing only a few tables away. It takes the attempted suicide of the prospector's young, unwilling assistant to shock the countess into the reality of how things have become.

And just what has happened to the world? she wonders. The answer: "Used to be a cabbage could get sold just by virtue of being a cabbage. Now it needs a P.R. man," mourn her social



Marge Pinnow, Nancy Parker, Mary Anne Plants and Cynthia Lloyd in *The Madwoman of Chailiot*.

outcast friends, life-loving anachronisms gone underground in a society gone cold and machine-like. But while they collectively hang their shoulders in resolution, the countess resolves instead to fight back.

The pace picks up considerably when Aurelia invites several fellow madwomen into her cellar to discuss the problem, the future of mankind. There is indeed method to their madness, and certainly more life and beauty than the stark reason of the corporation men provides.

Never mind that the mock trial staged by the countess and her subterranean subculture through looks like Alice in Wonderland with the roles reversed — a higher justice is at issue here. And anyway the kangaroo court allows Mr Ragspicker to thunder out an exhilarating defence, without doubt one of the high points of the performance.

The apparent climax is followed by an unexpected turn

which leaves us wondering whether the real enemy is in fact corporate greed or, simply, that old spectre called loneliness. Either way, for the *Madwoman of Chailiot*, the solution turns out to be easier than pessimists might expect.

It is a shame that so many members of the local audience seem to feel that a play is like a cocktail party, where it is fashionable to arrive late or where one can be excused early to meet other appointments, and where the dialogue, like background music, must be shouted over if one is to hold a conversation.

Perhaps this is endemic to community theatre, as much as the occasional deadpan performance by amateur actors. But ACT's coherent staging of this Giraudoux play does compensate with at least two or three truly inspired players, making the evening a worthwhile venture especially for those with a liking for the unconventional and a taste for subtlety.

Saaz aur Awaz
SAAZ aur Awaz will hold a musical called "Bhoolay Bistray Geet and Ghazals" on May 19. They would like new singers to join their group. For details contact H. Abdullah — 3989111 ext. 6811, 8 am to 3 pm.

Open-Air Concert
MARCH 31: Steve Michael with the Zambesi will feature in the "Peace and Love" concert at the Salmiya Club stadium. The show starts at 5 pm. Tickets are now available from Swan Lake, Salmiya/Kuwait City; No. 1 records, Sultan Center, Salmiya.

THEATRE
ACT
MARCH 29, 30 (8 pm): ACT presents Jean Giraudoux' comic fantasy "The Madwoman of Chailiot," directed by George Plautz, at

Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya. For reservations call 5731782 (answerphone) or 5755391, 5-7 pm.

Malayalam Drama
APRIL 7: Gayathi Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karutha Purnami" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandra Mohan and directed by Nandan Iringalakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.

CINEMA
Iraqi Film Festival
AN Iraqi film festival is being held in Kuwait. It will continue till March 29. The following films will be shown:

March 29: *Al Bait*, starring Athar Khidr, Awatif Ibrahim. All films will be shown at 7.30 pm at the auditorium of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Children not permitted inside the auditorium.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoon Serial
10.00 Al Mubaraat: Arabic serial; featuring Mahmoud Saud, Ahmad Mazhar, Safiya Al Omari, Ahmad Maher
11.00 Al Daktoor: Arabic serial, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Khalid Al Obaid, Tayeba Al Farah, Abdul Aziz Haddad
12.00 International Circus
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite; Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Cartoon serial
5.15 Laila Min Alif Laila Wa Laila
5.45 Al Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme
6.15 With Students
7.00 News Summary
7.30 Folklore
8.00 Al Taqadum Al Ilmi: cultural film
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Muhamiya: Arabic serial,



Sledge Hammer unravels 'The Secret' tonight on KTV 2

featuring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Nabil Nur Al Din, Ahsan Qalawi, Ahmad Khamis, Zizi Mustafa
10.45 Al Aghniyat Al Tamaniyat
11.50 News Summary
11.55 World News via Satellite
12.20 Holy Quran; Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Voltrons: cartoon serial
6.30 Prestige: "My Mother was Never a Kid"
7.25 Mutual of Omaha: "The New Zealand Deer Life."

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Al Andalus
Mission Terminates (Arabic)
Al Salmiya
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Al Hamra
Al Majnoon (Arabic)
Starring: Shahira, Hussein Sharbini, Issad Yunus
Drive-In
Amber Al Maut (Arabic)
Starring: Noor Al Shareef, Afaf Shuaib
Al Firdous
Ram Lakhani (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Shroff, Dimple Kapadia
Fahad Open-Air
Jaani Dushman (Hindi)
Al Fahad
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SPORTS

Sabatini and Sukova advance to quarterfinals

Pernfors upset in Players championship

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March 28. (Reuters): Mikael Pernfors joined the growing list of upset victims at the International Players Championships when he fell in the fourth round to giant killer Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany yesterday.

Pernfors, seeded 14, was beaten 6-7 6-0 6-1 6-4 by the unseeded West German, who also conquered Andre Agassi in the first round.

Earlier, 12th-seeded Frenchman Yannick Noah overcame an upset stomach to beat fifth seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 and reach the quarter-finals.

Women's top seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina was challenged by unseeded American Ann Grossman but won 6-4, 7-6. Third-seeded Czechoslovak Helena Sukova also made the quarters with a 6-3, 6-2, win over 10th-seeded American Lori McNeil.

The usually quick-footed Pernfors did not move well against Steeb, but fought to stay with the

hard-hitting West German and took the first set by 7-5 in the tiebreaker.

The fight went out of the Swede at that point as he tried to chase down Steeb's fierce groundstrokes. He lost 11 straight games and found himself down two sets to one.

Pernfors then made a fight of it but at 2-2 he dropped his serve when Steeb hit a forehand volley winner and the West German led all the way after that.

Dropping

"After the tiebreaker I thought if I stay in the match he'll have a hard time to win a set," Steeb said. "He was getting tired."

Sabatini was confronted with a tiny tiger in the 18-year-old Grossman, 1.60-metres of feistiness who kept slugging groundstrokes until the second-set tiebreaker.

After dropping in the first game of the match, Grossman, ranked 53rd, kept pace with Sabatini, the world number

three, and broke back to even at 3-3. Sabatini broke again for 5-4 and served out the set 6-4.

Grossman used her pace from the backcourt and sharp cross-court angles to gain a 3-1 lead in the second set.

A lucky forehand volley hit with broken strings allowed Sabatini to get back on serve in the fifth game and long baseline rallies kept the score even to force a tiebreaker.

Sabatini then showed her calibre by racing to a 5-1 lead with booming first served and deft volleys. Grossman saved a match point at 6-1 when Sabatini netted a return but the Argentine won on the second match point with a stop volley.

"She really came out firing when she had to," Grossman said. "That's why she's number three in the world."

Sabatini said: "In the tiebreaker I just said it's finished now, let's concentrate."

Noah survived intense heat, Hlasek's determination, and a sudden attack of sickness to pull

off his upset. The match contrasted Noah's athleticism and the measured play of Hlasek who dominated the fourth set after trailing two sets to one.

The fifth set provided high drama as Noah fell sick midway through and was given a point penalty for delaying the match.

Noah recovered brilliantly and chased down lobs and drop shots to stay even in the match. At 5-5, Noah served his 14th ace of the match and held for 6-5, then broke Hlasek for the match when the Swiss player netted a volley.

"I took some soda with a bicarbonate pill and it made a lot of bubbles in my stomach. But I threw up and I felt a lot better," Noah said.

Hlasek also lost to the Frenchman just over a week ago in Indian Wells where he held four match points against Noah.

"It was very close again and I lost it. I had my chances and that's how it is in tennis," Hlasek said. "Maybe I'm not ready yet to win those matches."



Sukova wins over McNeil

North and South Korea agree on a joint team for Asian games

PANMUNJOM, Korea, March 28. (AP): Sports officials from South and North Korea made progress today on forming a joint team for the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing, according to officials from both sides.

Delegates agreed after about three hours of discussions to meet again April 15 at the Panmunjom truce site.

The two Koreas have been holding intermittent talks at various levels aimed at improving relations on the divided peninsula. Both sides say they want to end their long and bitter rivalry.

Chief North Korean delegate Kim Hwang Jin said the talks must help the two sides improve relations and end inter-Korean rivalry.

"What is most important is for both to get rid of the concept of confrontation and think, first of all, that they are members of one nation sharing the same destiny," Kim said in an opening statement.

Progress

"The North seemed to be sincere about the talks. I can say we made some progress today," chief South Korean delegate Chang Chung-Shik told reporters after the talks.

Past efforts to form a unified team failed on such issues as the name of the team and what flag it should use.

The two sides agreed today that a team would be selected after joint training of both nations' candidates. South Korea initially had wanted selection to occur before training.

North Korea offered a concession on the name of the team and both sides offered suggestions on a team flag.

North Korea proposed the sports talks last December, saying the two sides should field a joint team for the Beijing games to improve relations.

North Korea boycotted the 1988 Summer Olympics and the 1986 Asian Games, both held in Seoul.

Separate talks between parliamentary delegations and between senior government officials were stalemated by North Korean demands last month that the South call off its annual joint military exercises with US forces.

The two Koreas have remained enemies since the division of the Korean peninsula by US and Soviet forces in 1945 at the end of World War II.

James on top of European order of merit

MONTPELLIER, France, March 28. (Reuters): Briton Mark James went top of the European order of merit on Monday when he added the AFG Open golf title to his Desert Classic victory earlier this month.

A closing par 72, his worst round of the tournament, gave James an 11-under total of 277, five better than compatriot Nick Moulden in second place.

The march double left James firmly certain of clinching a place in the European team to defend the Ryder Cup against the United States in September.

Victory was assured when he executed a brave shot from a dump of saplings at the long seventh, aiming 50 yards to the right of the water encircled green. James found the target with a hooked eight-iron recovery and salvaged par.

By the turn he had left joint overnight leader Ron Stetten two behind. At 12 the American found water and had to settle for a share of fourth place with a 77.

Moulden birdied the first five holes of his La Grande Motte three-way record-equalling 65. Three more birdies in his first six homework holes threatened an upset but his eagle putt to go 10-under at 17 lipped out and he took two more to get down.

ATP signs marketing agreement

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March 28. (Reuters): The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), which will run its own tour in 1990, announced yesterday it had signed a marketing agreement with Mark McCormack's International Management Group.

IMG, which represents four of the world's top 10-ranked men's tennis players and several leading golfers, has guaranteed the new ATP tour a total of \$56.1 million, ATP chief executive officer Hamilton Jordan said.

The tour will receive \$17.2 million in 1990, \$18.7 million in 1991 and \$20.2 million in 1992 from the sale of the tour sponsorship, an international television package and the ATP finals singles event, Jordan said.

Additional funds will help fund ATP charities, a player pension fund, prize money for the ATP finals, the purchase of commercial television time and miscellaneous expenses.

IMG is already a powerful force in the tennis world, owning the marketing rights to various tournaments including Wimbledon.

Jordan denied that the agreement would allow IMG to dominate the ATP, an international players organisation.

He noted that some events, such as the ATP doubles finals and the senior tour, would be offered to other groups including rival management companies.

Lens to sign Steaua players

PARIS, March 28. (Reuters): French First Division club Lens, already virtually doomed to relegation, expect to sign two players from Romanian champions Steaua Bucharest.

The club said striker Victor Stancu, a member of Steaua's 1988 European Cup winning team, and midfielder Tudorel Stancu were in Lens at the weekend to agree terms.

Lens hope the two Romanians will help them stage a quick return to the top flight.

Stancu and Stancu will continue to play for Steaua, who meet Galatasaray of Turkey in this year's European Cup semifinals next month, until the end of this season.

To face Austria in Davis Cup quarterfinal

Sweden recall Wilander and Edberg

STOCKHOLM, March 28. (Reuters): Sweden recalled off-form tennis stars Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg today to face Austria in a Davis Cup quarterfinal tie in Vienna next month.

Non-playing captain Jonte Sjogren also named Mikael Pernfors, Jonas Svensson and doubles specialist Anders Jarryd to the team for the tie on April 7-9.

"It's going to be tough but we have no reason to fear the Austrians. We can certainly get through," Sjogren said.

But given the recent shaky form of Wilander and Edberg, the Vienna clash could be closer than it would appear on paper.

Wilander has played only 17 matches since winning the US Open last September. That third Grand Slam victory of 1988 made him briefly the world's number one.

Since then, he has not passed the third round of a tournament, he has been plagued by injuries and seems to have lost confidence and motivation.

His most recent defeat was by Alberto Mancini of Argentina last week in the third round of the International Players Championship in Key Biscayne.

But Sjogren, who is also Wilander's personal coach, insisted he would recover his missing form.

"There's no reason to worry," he said. "Mats is on his way back."

trovery over the experimental surface used in Austria's 5-0 first round victory over Australia.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) ruled that such experimental surfaces would be prohibited in Davis Cup ties after complaints by the Australians that it was unpredictable and unsuitable for major tournaments.

Austria's Davis Cup trainer Jan Kukal, a former Czechoslovak Cup player, said he expected the court surface to be completed in the Vienna Dusika Indoor Stadium by the end of this week, when his team would begin training.

The Austrian team has not been officially announced but is expected to comprise the same players that beat Australia, Thomas Muster, Horst Skoff and Alexander Antonitsch with Stefan Lochbichler as the fourth team member.

In Hanover, titleholder West Germany will field their championship team led by Boris Becker in the next month's Davis Cup quarterfinal clash on April 7-9, the US Tennis Association announced yesterday.

Squad

Meanwhile, Andre Agassi and John McEnroe will play the singles matches for the United States against France in a Davis Cup quarterfinal clash on April 7-9, the US Tennis Association announced yesterday.

Carl-Uwe Steeb, Eric Jelen and Patrick Kuchnen are the other players from the squad which beat Sweden in last year's final.

"Our chances are 50-50," Pilić said. "The Czechoslovaks have the home advantage, but our players have the self-confidence of the champion nation."

He said he would not choose between Steeb and Jelen as the second singles player to Becker until the last moment.

Steeb, who beat Mats Wilander during last year's final in Gothenburg, reached the last eight in the international players championship in Key Biscayne, Florida yesterday.

Czechoslovakia have named Miroslav Meir, Milan Srejber, Petr Korda and Tomas Smid for the April 7-9 match in Prague.

West Germany have won seven of their 11 Davis Cup ties with Czechoslovakia, the last by 5-0 in 1985.

Davis Cup captain Tom Gorman named Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, who have a 9-0 record in the Davis Cup, as the US doubles partnership for the match to be played in San Diego.



Edberg: Swedish hopes

Dead service crew identified

NAIROBI, Kenya, March 28. (AP): A three-man service crew on a Cross-Kenya Car Race was burned beyond recognition last week in an accident involving vehicle carrying fuel and spare parts, the Standard reported today.

The deaths became public yesterday when the Standard published a photograph of their charred vehicle, but Safari rally officials denied knowledge of the accident or that the men were a service crew.

The newspaper said brothers Harpal S. Kalsi, 22; Balvinder S. Kalsi Raju, 20, and Sanjiv "Sunny" Singh, 19, all of Kenya, were a service crew for local entries. Sukhy Soin and Rafiq Kassam.

Servicing

The three died in a 2-vehicle collision Friday near Naivasha, a trading town, 88 kms (54 miles) northwest of Nairobi.

"We know nothing about them," Lucy Thande, rally press officer, told the Associated Press. "Even if they were a service crew, they were there two days before the cars were expected. They were not servicing any (Safari rally) vehicle at the time."



Argentina's Diego Maradona demonstrates some fancy footwork with a soccer ball during the opening day of Carlos Bianchi's soccer camp in Reims, eastern France on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)



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Pakistan win Speedbird Trophy

PAKISTAN XI gained victory over a Great Britain XI in the Speedbird Trophy tournament by 33 runs at Ahmadi last weekend. Batting first, Pakistan built up a match-winning total of 237 for 8 from their 45 overs. In reply GB realised only 204 all out of the final ball of their allotted overs.

Highlight of the Pakistan batting was a third wicket partnership of 135 between Amjad (76) and Haider (105 not out). GB had started well with Craig Shipton picking up two slip catches, one off the bowling of Patrick Flower (1 for 22) and another off Dave Bolder (1 for 45). GB's hopes were then dashed as Amjad was dropped three times and the score mounted. Peter Bond (5 for 32) broke the partnership and proceeded to claim another four wickets including a remarkable triple wicket maiden. Only Farhad (18) of the remaining Pakistan batsmen reached double figures as the GB bowlers and fielders fought to restrict the total.

GB's openers Shipton (28) and Kevin Wells (26) started confidently. They soon saw off the opening attack of Sakharwat (3 for 43). However, Farhad (1 for 35) bowling an accurate line and length finally broke the opening stand having Shipton caught behind by Iqbal with the score on 51. Dave Talbot (29) continued the run chase scoring at five runs an over but with the introduction of Haider (2 for 36) and Naem (2 for 25) the runs dried up and wickets fell. Both bowlers made run scoring difficult, only Richard Snowden (35) and big-hitting Dave Bolder (16) could raise the GB hopes. Finally Snowden was bowled by the last delivery of the innings to give the strong Pakistan team a well deserved 33 run victory.

After the match the BA Speedbird Trophy was presented to the Pakistan skipper Naem. Haider collected the Pakistan XI Man of the Match award, a BA return air ticket to Karachi. His innings of 105 not out and bowling figures of 9 overs for 25 runs made him the outstanding player of the day.

The Great Britain Player of the Series proved a more difficult decision for the adjudicator, the British Ambassador, Peter Hinchcliffe. He finally decided upon GB's opening bowler Patrick Flower who had played consistently well throughout the two games. On the day his bowling figures of 9 overs for 22 runs showed his value to the team. In his final Speedbird Trophy match this was a fitting reward for his intelligent bowling throughout the season.

Both British Airways awards were made by Ralph Collins, BA's area sales manager who has raised this competition to new heights with his interest and support of Kuwait cricket.

Cricket finals

THE finals of the "Al Mulla Mit-subishi Cup" (Friday League) "A" Division organised by Unity Cricketers will be played on Friday at the New Ground in Ahmadi. Kifco meet traditional rivals Starlite in this full day encounter consisting of 45-overs-a-side commencing at 0900 am. Umpires nominated are both from Unity.

While at the Oval, in the "B" Division finals of the same tournament Kokan face Union in a 40 overs match, also commencing at 0900 am.

Umpires nominated are one from Al Mulla and the other from YMCA. One of the key personnel of the Al Mulla will distribute prizes to the winners and losers.

Simulator final

THE finals of the Kuwait round of the Winston Toyota Simulator Challenge will be held at the Sultan Center on March 31 at 6 pm.

Taking part will be the winners of the competitions which have been open to shoppers at the Center every evening since March 23.

Among the many prizes on offer are return trips to Dubai to take part in the Gulf-wide final against competitors from all over the region. Flights and hotel accommodation is being provided by the Winston Toyota team. While in Dubai the participants will also be invited to watch the final round of the Middle East Rally.

Tivim Centre

TIVIM Centre is pleased to inform all the participating teams that the draw of their 2nd annual 9-a-side inter-village football tournament will be held on 31.3.88 at Al Sour Ground. For further information please contact the organisers.

Udinese fans honour Zico

Rest of the World beat Brazil

UDINE, Italy, March 28, (UPI): The fans of Udinese soccer club honoured the team's one-time Brazilian star Zico late yesterday with a match grandly titled "Brazil" versus "The Rest of the World."

A capacity 40,000-crowd in the Alpine city's stadium gave Zico a tumultuous reception on his brief return to Italy, and cheered his every move in what was expected to be his last match as a professional. Zico turned 36 years old on March 3.

In the event the "Rest of the World" selection, made up mainly of veterans who have played or are still playing in a Western and Eastern European League clubs, beat the Brazilian selection, composed of Brazilians playing in European clubs, 2-1.

"Brazil" took the lead in the sixth minute with a spectacular 30-metre free kick by midfielder Dunga (real name Bledorn Verri Carlos Caetano), currently playing for Fiorentina in the Italian First Division.

But "The Rest" equalised in the 34th minute through Francesco, a Uruguayan who plays

for the French club Matra Racing, and Hungarian Detari grabbed the winner in the 65th minute.

Sadly missing from the "Rest of the World" lineup were Napoli's Diego Maradona, who pleaded injury, and AC Milan's Dutch trio, Ruud Gullit, Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard, all originally billed to play. Gullit was being rested with a minor injury and Van Basten and Rijkaard flew in to Udine from Milan too late for the start of the match.

In the first half, the Brazilians managed to look like "Brazil" in spells when "The Rest" permitted them to weave their slow build-up play. But in the second half the Brazilians faded, despite substituting all 11 players between the 46th and 80th minutes.

The longest-lasting was Zico — real name Antunes Coimbra — once dubbed "the white Pele". He stayed on the field for 80 minutes and showed many flashes of his old brilliance.

Zico galvanised soccer in Udine, a remote Alpine city in the extreme northwest of Italy,

when he starred for the Udinese club in two seasons between 1983 and 1985.

But after a sensational start to the 1983-84 season, the newly promoted Udinese team managed to finish only ninth in that year's First Division standings, even with Zico, who scored nine goals. The following season Udinese, still with Zico, only narrowly escaped relegation to the Second Division.

The club slipped back to the Second Division after Zico left and currently ranks fourth in the standings.

Lineups

BRAZIL: Gilmar (46th Joao Leite), Ricardo (46th Alemão), Mozer, Gomes (46th Julio Cesar), Junior (66th Branco), Dunga (46th Milton), Renato (46th Romario), Silas (46th Andrade), Careca (61st Evair), Zico (80th Douglas) and Valdo (57th Tita).

REST OF THE WORLD: Preud'homme (46th Dassaev), Joao Pinto, Gerets, Demol, Valderrama (46th Mihailovic), Ridvan (46th Colik), Francescoli, Stoikovic, Detari, Rui Aguas, Djurovski.

Botham marks comeback with 24 runs

SINGAPORE, March 28, (Reuters): England all-rounder Ian Botham marked his return to cricket 10 months after a major back operation by scoring 24 runs in a friendly match against a Singapore XI today.

"I feel fine. I scored more runs today than I did all last season so that's got to be good," said a smiling Botham after he was caught.

Boundaries

Botham, batting for the first time since the operation to fuse two vertebrae last May, cracked four boundaries during his 20-minute stay at the crease.

On a rain-soaked pitch he was understandably cautious to start with and when he attempted to hit a six holed out at wide mid-on with a gigantic skier.

Botham did not bowl and retired after the tea break to nurse a minor bruise on his left thigh.

The one-day match ended in a draw. Botham's English county club Worcestershire scored 221 for nine declared and the Singapore XI were 147 for five at the close of play.

Blue Star beat Siddique to lift trophy

BLUE STAR C.C. won the Blue Star trophy beating Siddique C.C. by 34 runs, played on Friday at Safeway ground, which was organised by Sabah C.C.

Siddique's captain Mahmood won the toss and put Blue Star to bat. Rodney and Salim opened the innings and put on 40 runs in six overs. At this stage Shabbir was introduced in the attack. His first victim was Rodney, caught by Mahmood for 15.

In the same over Ronnie Sr. was adjudged lbw, and had to walk back to the pavilion with two runs to his credit.

Then a fruitful partnership of 30 runs by Saleem and Sandeep saw 72 runs on board for Blue Star. Salim reached his personal score of 40 with four fours and was beautifully caught by Mahmood off Tariq at mid wicket.

Sandeep scored 22 runs with two fours and all of a sudden collapse of the middle order batting began. James was caught and bowled by Razzak for five. Bastaki bowled by Mulkesh for three. Sethi caught by Malik at square leg boundary for 21 with three fours. Masood and Tariq dented a little to push Blue Star's tally of runs to 150.

A partnership of 31 runs for the eighth wicket, by Tariq and Masood stopped the rot for a while. But Shabbir again bowled them out in consecutive overs. Their individual score was 10 and 19 respectively.

Ronny Jr was not out six and, Mathew not out one, as Blue Star's total reached 160 for nine wickets in 30 overs.

Blue Star's captain James kept his fielders on toes. Khalid Jr.



Blue Star captain James holding up the trophy as others look on.

was run out to a throw from mid wicket by Bastaki as Salim shattered the wickets. This was the beginning of what was to follow.

Malaiden

At the other end Ronnie Jr bowled the first over a maiden, and Bastaki held four magnificent catches, that of Mahmood and Sharif off Ronny Jr for two and 16. Khalid Javed for one off James and Asif off Tariq for five. Ronny Jr went on to claim the wicket of Razzak who was caught by Sethi for 18. Shabbir was run out by Ron-

nie Sr. for 33. Malik was trapped lbw by Mathew for 27 and Sethi put an end to Siddique's last pair hopes as Sethi once again held a superb catch of Mulkesh on the long leg boundary in the 27th over off Salim for five. The innings of Siddique folded in 26.3 overs for 126 runs. Blue Star won by 34 runs.

After the game Dr Riaz Khan thanked the participating teams and distributed gifts and trophy. Blue Star trophy is donated by Isidor P. Rangel.

Today's Man of the Match award went to Saleem of Blue Star, Best Bowler went to Shab-

bir of Siddique and the Best Fielder award was claimed by Mahmood Bastaki.

Mac beat Gulf

MAC Cricket Club defeated Gulf Cricket Club by six wickets in its pool match of Abdulla trophy played on Friday.

After winning the toss Mac invited Gulf to play first. Gulf was all out for 61 runs only. The most successful bowler was Zafar Abbasi who took four wickets for 13 runs in five overs.

In reply Mac scored 62 runs for four wickets. Waheed scored 23 and Fazal 18 runs.



West Ham's Paul Hilton (left) and Norwich City's Ian Butterworth battle for the ball during their First Division match at Upton Park, London on Monday. Norwich beat West Ham 2-0. (Reuters wirephoto).

IAC badminton tournament

THE IAC badminton tournament got off to a good start on Monday, after the formal inauguration.

Results
Men's singles: George Tharian w/o C.V. Mathews; Sumant Sharma bt Anil Raun 15-1, 15-2; Phil Chorian bt Alex Mathews 15-10, 13-17, 15-2; Mathew Thomas w/o Mohammed Ali; Sajju Thomas bt M.G. Chacko 15-6, 10-15, 18-17; Sanjay Sharma bt K. Vijayan 15-7, 15-8; Joseph Thomas bt Thankappan 15-3, 15-2; Mathew N.C. bt A. Chorian 15-9, 15-1; Louis Gonzales bt MD Varghese 15-1, 15-6; Mohan Das bt Jojo 15-6, 15-6; George Joseph bt George Varghese 15-8, 15-6.

Men's doubles: Bal Sharma and Mathew N.C. bt Sajju Thomas and George Varghese 15-2, 15-8.

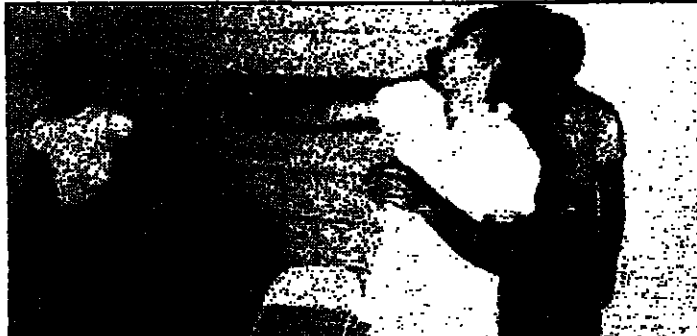
Mixed doubles: Reny John and John Kurien bt Roshini and Chorian Philip 15-5, 15-3; Shobha Nair and P.V. Varghese w/o Rema Ashok and M.D. Varghese.

Today's fixtures

7-8 pm, men's doubles: Thankappan and Karim vs Mohan George and Rajan Daniel; Sumant and Sanjay Sharma vs M.G. Chacko and A. Chorian; Philip Chorian and Sivakumar vs Reji Varghese and Chorian Philip; Bal Sharma and N.C. Mathew vs George Joseph and



Thomas Kuthiravattam, member of parliament of India, inaugurating the tournament by batting a shuttle.



M.G. Chacko playing the opening men's singles match.

Louis Gonzales; Mohan Das and P.V. Varghese vs Alex Mathew and K.S. Jinan or Sudhir Walvekar and Anil Raun. 8-9 pm, women's singles: Reeny Tharian vs Molly Alex; Lekha vs Asha Kutty; Susan Jacob vs Shobha; Roshini vs Reny John. 9-10 pm, Veterans' singles: P.K. Mankad vs M. Mathews; Jacob Mathews vs Rajan Daniel; K.T. Abraham vs T. Mathews; S.K. Naji vs Dr Karim.

Juventus to play English side

LONDON, March 28, (Reuters): Italy's Juventus will meet English opposition for the first time since the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster on Sept 7 when they play a Northern League soccer selection.

The match will mark the Northern League centenary. Juventus have not met an English team since rioting at the 1985

European Cup final between Juventus and Liverpool at the Heysel stadium in Brussels killed 39 people. English club teams have been banned from Europe ever since.

In Turin, a Juventus spokesman said the club would not be able to send their first team because of a League match the previous day.

But he said Juventus still wanted to attend the centenary and had offered to send their youth side.

Sheraton bridge

THE Sheraton Bridge Club game will be held at Hyatt Regency tomorrow, at 8.00 pm.

IBF boxing

NORFOLK, Virginia, March 28, (AP): Pernell Whitaker's first defence as the International Boxing Federation lightweight champion will take place April 30 at Scope against Louis Lomeli, promoters say.

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